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Letters Sent to Philadelphia &

San Francisco Mints

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January 2, 1913.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

January 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Bloom Brothers, under date of December 31, 1913, stating that the master dies of the 5¢ and 25¢ pieces, Salvador coinage are now being prepared and will be delivered to your Institution within a fortnight. It is further stated in the letter that the amount of these coins required will be as follows:-

1,000,000 five cent pieced.
600,000 twenty-five cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo relative to a re-organization of the force of engineers and firemen is at hand. I understand the proposed re-organization to be in harmony with the suggestions made by Mr. Atkins of the Supervising Architect's office for the purpose of obtaining a more harmonious and economical working arrangement. The proposal as outlined by Mr. Hewitt is approved. The designation of firemen-engineer will be a new one, but as it covers combination of duties not heretofore made there is no reason to suppose that the Civil Service Commission will raise any objection thereto, particularly as the positions are to be filled by persons who have standing as engineers.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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January 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith 100 quarter eagles from delivery No. 45 forwarded by you on December 17, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find invoice of cupro-nickel scrap received at your institution from the Frankford arsenal. This account cannot be liquidated by Auditor's transfer settlement - payment must be made from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund standing to your credit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of January has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - -	8,000
	$38,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 5th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Gas Furnace Company for supplying your Mint with the following articles, at the prices indicated, it being understood that the articles are for repairs to machines which are patented by the above named Company:-

1 complete set of linings for No. 17 Heating Machine	$115.00
1 set of wings for No. 6 Pressure Blower	39.00
1 set of roller bearings with castings, complete, for head of No. 6 Pressure Blower	15.50
	169.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1914.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver ten pairs of quarter dollar coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the 100 quarter eagles forwarded by you to this Bureau on December 17th have to-day been delivered to the United States Express Company for shipment to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
B/L

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, January 7, 1914

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On Dec. 19th I referred to you a memorandum from the Forms Committee together with sample sheets, requesting certain information in relation thereto, to which I have received no reply.

I would be pleased to have you return those papers with your report as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 19th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Enterprise Manufacturing Company approximately 175 pounds of special brass castings at the rate of 60 cents per lb., for use in the manufacture of automatic machines requiring special steel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

FPD.

January 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant recommending that the Selas Company, 516 W. 25th Street, New York, be authorized to install their apparatus on one of your melting furnaces for the purpose of demonstrating its service in economizing the use of gas. I beg to say that on the strength of the representations made, you are authorized to permit such installation, there being no obligation to purchase the apparatus, and the installation to be without expense to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the number of "Buffalo" nickels on hand at your institution which were struck from the original dies,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please ask the Engraver to write a letter stating precisely what alterations were made in the original dies of the Buffalo nickel for the present working dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I notice by your letter of the 7th instant that 57 revenue dies "unused and in good condition" were returned to you by the Denver Mint at the close of the year 1913.

Referring to Article 16, Sections 2 and 3, Regulations, I beg to inquire whether, in the judgment of the Engraver, it is worth while to have such dies returned to your Mint. It seems to me that if a list of the revenue dies in good condition was reported to the Bureau by the Superintendent every purpose would be served, and the transportation charges both ways would be saved.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver ten pairs of quarter dollar dies and one dozen dime collars for large presses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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January 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the strength of your letter advising me that you held $440,900 in Buffalo nickels struck from the 1st die an order was requested transferring these coins from the Treasurer's account for recoinage. Your statement to the Treasurer, dated January 10, shows only $301,076.70 of nickel five cent pieces on hand. In view of this showing the Treasurer is unable to make the transfer requested. Please explain the difference between these statements.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this Office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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Jan. 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your statement of the 8th inst. concerning the special gold coins to be sold and profits used for the Numismatic collection, in which it is stated that eight of the eagles are only the regular issue which are worth but face value, you are authorized to expend these eight from this special account, making record of the reason for such expenditure.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a mutilated $10 gold piece and beg to request that a check for the value of the same be remitted to this office in favor of Mr. C. S. Pearce of the Office of the United States Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Jan. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your voucher for asbestos mitts and anode bags furnished the New York Assay Office Dec. 23d, in the sum of $248, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, the amount to be credited your appropriations as per memo on face of voucher.

In this connection your attention is invited to letter of Sept. 26th last, directing that when an order is received for one of our institutions, the estimated cost of which equals or exceeds $25, the Bureau should be immediately informed of the estimated cost in order that an encumbrance may be set up. Apparently no report was received of the estimated cost of the anode bags. Please observe this direction in future.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint;

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January 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two letters received from Mr. George Rankin. Will you please request the Curator to make reply direct to Mr. Rankin, giving him all possible information about the coin referred to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 13th instant I beg to say that twenty (20) medals in silver may be struck for the Annual Assay Commission.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

, January 16,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Chief of Division of Printing and Stationery to prepare and ship direct to your mint 10,000 cloth lined envelopes and 20 pounds of red sealing wax, as desired in your letter of the 14th instant.

I am advised that your request will be attended to at once and shipment made as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Far T. Sung, the Chinese Commissioner who lately visited the Mint. You will note that he asks concerning the feasibility of purchasing certain coinage equipment at the Mint. It does not seem to me desirable to build this machinery in the Mint for the reason that it would occupy the machine shop to the exclusion of our own work unless additions to the force were made to handle it, and in that event the force would have to be reduced later, which is not so easily done. I suppose the main object Mr. Sung had in view in suggesting that the machinery be purchased from this Government was that of obtaining machinery identical with that in use at Philadelphia, and this we would be glad to help him to secure if it is practicable. I think the equipment now in use in the Mint is stronger and better than has heretofore been built in private shops. I beg to inquire whether, in the opinion of the Foreman of the Machine Shop it would be practicable to allow the use of our drawings by an outside shop in case it should secure the contract for building the machinery. If this is practicable I will suggest to Mr. Sung that he invite proposals from several well known Philadelphia firms with the understanding that they are to have the use of our

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drawings and patterns, and the benefit of any incidental aid that the Mint can furnish. Please let me know whether or not you regard this as practicable.

You will note that he also asks that you forward photographs or blue prints, cost and data to him for ~~mx~~ certain machinery, at Peking. Also notice his request for drawings or photographs of the pipette holder used in the humid process. Please proceed to comply with these requests if it is practicable to do so.

Please return the enclosed letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As the San Francisco Mint has requested authority to buy new rolls I beg to inquire whether those supplied to you by the Bethlehem Steel Works a year or so ago have proved satisfactory. As I recall it they made a surprisingly low price, and we had misgivings that the rolls would not be satisfactory, but accepted them on the strength of the Company's guarantee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $170,000 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and that the Minor Coin Account of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter, received through the State Department, from the Minister of Salvador. Authority is granted in compliance with this request, for the increased amount of coinage desired by Salvador, and the State Department has been so advised.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Cosmopolitan Magazine making inquiry as to the average length of life of each of the silver coins and the five cent piec. This is a matter which I have often thought that, for our own satisfaction, we should carefully calculate. We obtained some interesting data on the subject some years ago which appears in the Report for the fiscal year 1902. Unfortunately these tables were badly bungled and it was necessary to attach an errata correcting numerous errors in them. If the Report in your file contains this errata I wish you would have some competent person make a study of the tables and work out an intelligent reply to this letter. A brief examination seems to show that the dime wears faster in percentage of loss than the quarter, and the quarter faster than the half, but the quarter seems to stay in circulation about as long as the half, while the dimes are retired much sooner than either of the other two. It would appear that the the fact of the quarter's losing about twice as much in percentage as the half in the same length of time is due to the fact that the actual wear is about the same, being a higher percentage on about one half of the amount of metal.

I would like to have these tables worked out in averages

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with all of the suggestions that a study may result in. Please call the attention of Mr. Barber, Mr. Clark, Mr. Yeats and any others whom you think would be interested about the facts, and let me know the results.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I note that you are running low on silver and will invite proposals for Friday, the 23rd instant.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint

January 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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, January 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th instant requesting 2000 cards - Record of Absence and Efficiency - I would state that I have made requisition on the public printer for the same and upon their receipt they will be forwarded to you.

Your attention is invited to the enclosed Department Circular No. 81 , dated July 24, 1903.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding this day. by U. S. Express, gold coin scrap, cornets, and silver bar, resulting from special assay coins sent to the Bureau during six months ended December 31, 1913. Please advise the Bureau of the value of the same that settlement may be made with the mints at San Francisco and Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing receipts for premiums on the bonds of Dr. Norris, Mr. Clark and Mr. Bomberger. The receipts have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Department.

Respectfully,

Frank Leach

Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for the enclosed cloth-lined envelopes for use in mailing campaign badges I would say that they will cost $8.47 per thousand, printed, and suggest that the enclosed manila envelope, which is regularly used by the Treasury for mailing coin, can be supplied at $1.15 per thousand, printed. I have no doubt that these envelopes will answer your purpose satisfactorily.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $430,005.51 be covered into the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 23,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you today under separate cover a supply of revised Form 61.

Your attention is invited to "Alaska" which is divided into districts, the deposits from which I especially desire to have reported.

The data to be reported quarterly is as follows:-

The fine weight of each particular deposit of gold and silver as to its source, as heretofore reported;
The value of gold; the subsidiary and cost value of silver for the following totals:-
Total unrefined,-
Total domestic bullion,-
Total deposits,-
Total redeposits,-
Total bullion,-
The number of deposits,-

All other information called for, as shown by the printed headings, is to be reported at the close of each fiscal and calendar year.

Please destroy all of the old style forms 61.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa,

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 21st transmitting assay results on samples 37 - 42:- It is noted that only a trifling amount of the original samples was returned, and that 18 cornets were sent, indicating that three assays were made on each sample. The report covers only two assays on each sample. If the third assays were positively lost it does not matter, but if any actual figures were obtained in these extra assays, I would thank you to forward them.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day purchased from the American Smelting & Refining Company 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to your Mint which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of $0.5795 per ounce for the silver 1000 fine contained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1914.

The Superintendent of the Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $57,000 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of one cent pieces, and that the Minor Coin Account of your Mint be increased in like amount. The Secretary has been requested to advise you by wire when this transfer is effected.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing two memorandums showing the values and weights of the gold coin scrap, cornets and silver bar, representing the special assay coins sent to the Bureau during the six months ended December 31, 1913.

I have this day requested the following transfers to be made to your bullion fund:-

From the Mint at Denver, on account of special assay coins sent to the Bureau, and transmitted to your Mint, $89.00.

From the Mint at San Francisco, on account of special assay coins sent to the Bureau, and transmitted to your Mint, $45.40.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th enclosing one from the engraver of the same date relative to the letter of the Third Assistant Postmaster General of the 17th instant. In this letter it was suggested that the charges in the last invoice for the Post Office dies included a hardening charge, and this was the basis of the complaint. The engraver's letter does not say whether this was the case or not. Please inform the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following inquiry has been received by the Department from the Government Exhibit Board of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and you are requested to submit a statement to this Bureau embodying the information so far as the institution under your control is affected:

(1) What motion picture films are already available and in the possession of your Department, illustrating scenes of the current work of the Department; (2) What films have been made by outsiders which can be had upon the payment of a reasonable price; and (3) What films should be made in addition to the above, to present the activities of your Department at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant I beg to request that a luncheon be prepared for the Annual Assay Commission to be served at the Mint.

The list of named approved by the President was thirteen in number. One appointee has advised you that he will be unable to attend. The list referred to does not, as you understand, include the ex-officio members.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

January 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant I beg to advise you that approval will be given to application for sick leave for 30 days from January 1st, 1914, in the case of Mr. Orrell.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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,January 29,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose to you herewith a copy of Form 875 with the Printer's Proof, which I wish you would please have carefully examined by your bookkeeper.

Any alterations or changes desired should be indicated on the proof, which, together with the the Form, should be returned to this Bureau at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

F. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In advising the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia of the purpose of deposits it is requested that only short, general explanations be given. If considerable detail is given the face of the certificate will not contain it and the Assistant Treasurer uses the back of the certificate, which should be left blank for the Bureau's endorsement. The detail should be given in the Bureau's notification, form 550A, as at present.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1914.

Mr. T. L. Comparette,

Curator, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 26th, relative to circularizing the leading libraries, I think the suggestion a good one. Have you a catalogue of libraries at the Mint, or can you suggest to the Superintendent where one may be obtained?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th instant requesting to be advised as to the current to be used in operating the automatic weighing machines at New York and Chicago, I beg to enclose herewith a memorandum sent to the Bureau from the Secretary's office. The memornadum was written in the office of the Supervising Architect. Please advise the Bureau if this information is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

L. P. Straus

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has made requisition for proof gold. Will you please prepare $1,000 worth and advise the Bureau when the same is ready in order that a transfer may be requested.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following is the list of members appointed by the President to serve upon the Annual Assay Commission:-

Senator John F. Shafroth.
Congressman Fred E. Lewis.
Miller S. Bell, Milledgeville, Ga.
Powell Evans.
Mr. F. L. Shup, Newton, Illinois.
Professor O. L. Shinn.
Mr. Frank P. Brame, Charlottesville.
Prof. Wm. G. Brown, University of Missouri.
Mr. L. A. Fischer, Bureau of Standards.
Professor L. B. Spinny, Iowa State College.
Mr. A. E. Vinson, University of Arizona.
Mr. Leonard Morgan, Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day purchased for your institution 200,000 ounces of silver which you will receive from the American Smelting & Refining Company and pay for at the rate of $0.58 cents per ounce for the silver 1000 fine contained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of February has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	5,000
	$36,000

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward a second set of special assay coins representing delivery No. 6, quarters, accompanied by the usual certificate.

Respectfully,

Geo Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Feb. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to Bills of Lading noted below, they carrying direction for billing the charges to the Director of the Mint. The transportation charges on articles furnished the Navy Dept. should be billed to the Navy Dept. and on articles furnished the Subtreasurers, to the Division of Public Moneys, Treasury Department.

B/L #C949, Nov. 25/13, 6 adjuster's scales sent the Assistant Treasurer at New York.
B/L #51008, Dec. 19/13, 1000 good conduct medals sent the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Dept.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have thi s day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded by you to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills against the San Francisco Mint for weigher's shears, $50.16, and parts for automatics, $282.95, have been referred to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per memo. on face of vouchers.

Bills of the Penna. R. R. Co., as below, have also been sent to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be debited as indicated:

Crucibles from Jersey City Feb. 14, 1913, appro. 1913 -	$2.85
Envelopes from Richmond Dec. 6, 1913, appro. 1914 - - -	.41
Stationery from Washington Nov. 5, 1913, approp. 1914 -	.48

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 69.3 grams of cornet gold and would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

J. B. Daly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in the Treasury in your name:-

On account of the profits on subsidiary silver coin, $115,884.97, and the increase of your Bullion Fund in like amount.

On account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, $32,000, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day purchased from the American Smelting and Refining Company 200,000 ounces of silver which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of $0.578 per ounce for the silver 1000 fine contained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to gold deposit No. 1816, December 29, 1913, "Bar from Leaf", I will thank you to state if the metal was in bar form when deposited, or if you prepared the bar from the leaf.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JED.

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February 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver the following coinage dies and collars:-

20 obverse Quarter Dollar dies.
10 reverse " " "
15 pairs Dime "
12 Quarter Dollar collars for the large presses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition of the 10th instant for 3,000 cloth lined envelopes, I am advised by the Division of Printing and Stationery that they do not carry in stock the open end envelope, but will obtain them as early as possible. In the meantime they will have prepared and forwarded to you 1000 open side envelopes as near like the sample furnished as is carried in stock. They will probably be shipped within two weeks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a half eagle received from a member of the Secret Service. Will you please remit a check, in favor of W. Herman Moran, to the Bureau for the bullion value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing proof gold in exchange for cornets sent from the Bureau, and to thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 18, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Forward to San Francisco ten pairs Philippine one centavo dies.

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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February 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a letter from Dr. George Kunz of Tiffany & Co., New York, relative to the dies for the Salvador coins. I see no objection to allowing them to try their hand at burnishing the dies for the purpose of striking proof pieces, and suggest that you forward dies to them for this purpose. I have confidence in Mr. Barber's judgment in these matters, do not doubt that in everything he has said and done he has been actuated by a sincere desire to get the best possible results, but I would like to completely satisfy Tiffany & Company, and everybody else who has dealings with the Mint, of our wish to accommodate them in every way in our power.

I would further advise that you suggest to Bloom Brothers that if they do not care to ask for further authority for the coinage of the proof pieces that these pieces be included in the number already authorized. This will, perhaps, be more agreeable to them than to ask for special authority for the proof pieces.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Minister of Salvador has requested, through the State Department, that a further coinage be executed at the Mint of 200,000 colones in addition to the 2,000,000 already authorized, and you are requested to proceed with the execution of this additional amount.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The proposal to make one or possibly two new coins is again up. This time the emphasis is on a $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 cent piece with no particular interest yet manifest in the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent piece. When we had this subject up two years ago we rather reached the conclusion that a coin of 60 grains weight and something like the piece I am enclosing would answer best for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent or 3-cent piece. I wish you would take this up with Messrs. Barber and Clark now, and see whether they have developed any new ideas on the subject since it was last discussed. I would particularly like to know whether Mr. Clark still has the Anna piece of India with the fluted edge, and if so, I wish he would loan it to me. I do not like the hole in the center.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 1.3 oz of silver recovered from chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in proof silver in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

We frequently have inquiries for some book descriptive of mint processes. I beg to inquire whether the publication prepared by Ex-Congressman John R. Young is still in print or obtainable. If so please give me the name of the parties who should be addressed, and the terms upon which it is sold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 19,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th instant I have made a requisition on the Division of Stationery and Printing for four (4) six (6) ounce tubes of climate proof concentrated black ink for use on the Edison Hand Mimeograph.

This ink is not carried in stock, but it will be shipped to you within a few days.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Sept

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General which again brings up the subject of the quality of the envelope dies. There has been considerable correspondence upon this subject of late and I wish you would give the whole matter careful consideration in order that an adequate and satisfactory reply may be made. It must be admitted to have been a little peculiar, to say the least, that the charges for dies were made at the same rate after you had discontinued hardening them as when they were hardened. Perhaps it would be better to arrive at a regular fixed charge for the dies, based on the average cost of making them, instead of making a new calculation of the actual cost each time. A varying charge inevitably causes inquiry, and almost certainly results in dissatisfaction.

Is it possible that the failure of the dies recently to stand up under the work is due to the fact that they were not hardened at the Mint and not properly hardened at all?

I think it is up to us to endeavor to find the solution of these die troubles. I think the natural place for the Government to have its envelope dies made is at the Mint, and there is no question in my mind of the ability of the Mint engravers to produce as good dies as can be made anywhere.

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Since the foregoing was written the Bureau has received an additional letter dated the 16th, copy of which is herewith enclosed. This matter is evidently of considerable importance and deserving of careful attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing a letter addressed to the Auditor for the Navy Department in reply to a communication from him in regard to the account rendered by you for the manufacture of 1000 Good Conduct Medals, bars and pins.

On the 19th instant a letter was addressed to the Auditor for the Navy Department asking that the Bureau be advised as to his authority for requiring this information from you in regard to the items which make up your charges. Your letter of the 19th instant to the Auditor will be held in the Bureau pending his reply to the Bureau letter to him, and you will be advised further.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant transmitting proof silver for the Bureau Laboratory, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your communication of the 19th instant relative to the Certificate of Merit Badges of which inquiry has been made by the Adjutant General, I beg to say that the Adjutant General has been advised that the Mint will undertake to sell these medals at 50 cents, and that the Mint will be ready to supply orders within two weeks after they have been authorized and the necessary ribbon has been supplied.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter by the Engraver dated February 17, relative to the Marksmanship Medals for Military Schools, I beg to say that the dies, punches and cutters for these medals are now owned by the firm which has supplied the medals heretofore. If the Mint is to make these medals in the future it will be necessary, no doubt, for it to sink the original cost of the medal dies. I would suppose, however, that when it comes to the new dies which are required each year the Mint would be no worse off than the private manufacturers, and would be able to charge up to the annual medals the entire cost of making them, including new dies for top bars.

I notice that ten medals are wanted for each design, so that if each new die costs $5 it will be necessary to add but 50 cents to the price of the medal in order to cover that part of the expense.

I have no knowledge of what the Department is now paying for these medals, but I feel as heretofore, that I would like to see all of this class of work done at the Mint. In order to accomplish this I would be willing to see the original dies made without charge, and suggest that you submit an estimate based upon the cost each year of making the required number of medals, the original cost of the medal dies not included. Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Santo Domingo Silver Mining Company. This letter states that the silver was refined at the Mint, but, of course, this is not true. I beg to inquire whether the silver is suitable for your use; also kindly advise where this silver was produced.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has received a communication from the people interested in the New York Electrical Exhibition asking for a repetition of the Mint exhibit next October. I was quite disposed to assent to the proposal until another request came in for a similar exhibit at Cleveland this Spring, and I understand there are inquiries from other localities. It looks as though we might have a continuous performance on hand unless we declined all such requests. I beg to inquire whether you are using all of your presses regularly.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Treasurer of the United States to authorize the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to deliver to the Government of the Philippine Islands 78.84 fine ounces of silver having a mint value of $62.51 in exchange for a like amount of silver contained in Philippine coins reserved for test by the Annual Assay Commission, delivered to and now in your possession.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to make the following purchases of books for the use of the Curator, in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 19th instant:-

Henry Chapman.

Catalogue of Coins of Indian Museum,	$15.00

G. E. Stechert.

Maurice, Numismatique Constantinienne, Tome III, unbound	3.00
Revue Numismatique, Vol. 16, 1913,	4.60
Zeitschrift fuer Numismatikn Vol. 30	3.50
Numismatic Chronicle, 1914,	5.00
Revista Italiana di Numismata, 1914,	5.00
Rapson, Catalogue Coins of Andhra Dynasty, Western Ksatrapas, etc.,	6.25
Friedensburg, Deutsche Muenzgeschichte, 2 Aufl. 1912	.80
Muenz-, Mass., und Gewichtswesen in Vorderasien, Brandis, 1886,	1.10
Hultsch, Griechische u. roemische Metrologie, LL, Aufl. 1882	1.85
Valentine, Modern Copper Coins of Muhammedan States of Turket, Persia,	3.50
British Museum Catalogue of Coins of Cyprus, by Hill	3.60
British Museum Catalogue of Coins of Phoenicia, by Hill	8.40

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the following transfers to be made to your Bullion fund on account of the coins reserved for test by the Annual Assay Commission, and now in your custody:-

	Gold	Silver	Total
From Denver ———	$7,920.00	$315.00	$8,235.00
From San Francisco	3,380.00	181.50	3,561.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day purchased 200,000 ounces of silver which you will please receive from the American Smelting and Refining Company, and pay for at the rate of $0.56125 per ounce for the silver 1000 fine contained in the shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received this day through the State Department, from the Minister of Salvador, requesting the coinage of 500,000 colones in addition to those already authorized. You are requested to proceed with the execution of this additional coinage in accordance with the request of the Salvador Minister.

Respectfully,

Chas. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau if you have received an application, with army service record and the necessary fifty cents for a Spanish Campaign Service Medal from Charles M. Deering, Leicester, Massachusetts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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,February 25,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday relative to sealing wax, I am advised from the Division of Printing and Stationery that thirty (30) pounds will be forwarded to you today.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 26, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

You are authorized to proceed with the coinage of five hundred thousand additionall colones for Salvador.

Roberts

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—6827 The appropriation from which pa yable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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February 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th instant relative to the item of $1 in the voucher of Prof. W. G. Brown for "Accident Insurance" I beg to say that the Auditor will allow this charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 9.2 ozs. of silver reduced from chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in proof silver in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Feb. 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the San Francisco Mint for automatic feeds, in the sum of $384.90, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, the sum to be credited to your appropriations as indicated on face of voucher.

Bill of the U. S. Express Co. for transportation of accounts to Washington Jan. 30th has also been forwarded for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 65¢.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold and to have the silver determined in duplicate on each sample by cupellation, by the cadmium-sulpho cyanate method and by the cadmium salt Gay-Lussac method, and then to determine the silver in the cupellation buttons by the cadmium sulpho-cyanate method, reporting all the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

February 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Commercial National Bank, Brady, Texas, transmitted by you to the Bureau on the 27th instant. The letter states that one dollar was enclosed for a copy of the Catalogue of Coins, etc. Will you please advise the Bureau if this letter was received by you without enclosure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of James Clendenin for supplying your Mint with 20,000 pounds of low bridge electrolytic copper at the rate of $0.149 7/8 per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Yeats, requesting him to visit New York for conference with Mr. Frantz and Mr. Stuart relative to the revision of the Cost Report.

If you can conveniently spare Mr. Yeats for two or three days from Thursday, the 5th instant, will you please deliver the letter enclosed.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
March 3, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Referring to letter sent you twenty-seventh instant hopper not needed by Assistant Treasurer Chicago, and order cancelled.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—1917 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of proof silver forwarded by you to the Bureau in exchange for 9.2 ounces of silver sent from the Bureau.

Please accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 2nd instant relative to the order from the Post Office Department for 24 two-cent dies for use on stamped envelopes I beg to say that the order has been given and there seems to be a pressing necessity for them, the old dies having been used up. You will proceed at once to fill the order and submit a bill as usual.

Respectfully,

Chas E Barnett

Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letter from the Chief Clerk I beg to inquire whether there will be any occasion to use cases in the Mint exhibit at the Panama Canal Exposition. I do not understand that we have anything to exhibit that can be shown in cases.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of January 17th, enclosing a letter from the Cosmopolitan Magazine relative to the life of subsidiary coins, I beg to say that no answer seems to have been received at the Bureau. Will you kindly look the letter up and advise me in regard to the subject matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

,March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th ultimo I have to state that I have made an additional requisition covering 10,000 cloth-lined envelopes for delivery to your Mint as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward a copy of Jessop's Steel catalogue to this office, for use in connection with purchases on contract of Edw. L. Hand & Co.

Future contracts requiring catalogue reference should be accompanied by two copies of catalogues, one to accompany the contract to the Auditor and one for use of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are advised that the report of the inventory committee, dated Oct. 29, 1913, copy of which should be at your institution, has been adopted.

Steps should be taken at once toward the numbering of all articles in the institution, in order that the work may be complete by the end of the current fiscal year. The forms will be sent you as soon as printed. Please advise me as to the number of cards you will require. As considerable work is involved in the numbering, enough employees should be detailed thereto to have it completed and inventory prepared in accord therewith , for checking by the annual settlement committee.

The inventory should include all articles in the institution, even though they may have little or no sale value; if they are being used they are of value to the institution; and if not being used and of no usable value to us, should be listed as "discarded" and recommendation made for their disposition.

Please advise me monthly as to the progress being made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples of further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Relative to the request of the New York Edison Company that the Mint exhibit at the New York Electrical Exposition as given in October last be repeated in October, 1914, you are advised that in view of the fact that there has been a tacit understanding that the exhibit would be repeated, you are authorized to make arrangements to that end.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

March 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Ryan relative to coinage for Costa Rica. Please let me know whether you have the master dies for this coinage, and also furnish me with an estimate of the cost of doing the proposed coinage. You need not include the cost of the metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of March has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	5,000
	$35,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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March 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter relative to 10,000 linen-lined envelopes to be used for mailing campaign badges I beg to say that upon examination I am disposed to agree with you that the manila envelopes are insecure. I would like to ask, however, what you think of wrapping the boxes tightly and attaching a tag to each one. This is a custom practiced in the Department and it has been suggested by the Stationery Division.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 5, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dies for ~~xxxx~~ Post Office Department to be hardened.

Please expedite order.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The War Department is about to introduce another series of marksmanship contests to be held in different parts of the country and for which medals for proficiency will be given. It is proposed to use the same design in all of the divisions, but in the rifle contests there will be team competition as well as individual competition, and special medals for each. Medals will be given in gold, silver and bronze for each contest and for both rifle and pistol contests.

The War Department would be pleased to have the Mint submit designs for these medals. As stated before the medals will be the same for all districts, but the district will be indicated on the bar.

I would be glad to have the Mint comply with the above suggestion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 7, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

By an oversight only one sample of the bullion was enclosed in my letter of the 28th ultimo. I now enclose the B sample of this bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FP D.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your reply of the 2nd instant, relative to the non-payment of premium on the bond of Everett Hornbeck, I beg to say that in accordance with your recommendation the bond of Mr. Hornbeck may no longer be required, but Mr. Hornbeck should pay the premium upon the bond up to the time he is relieved.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant relative to sick leave of Messrs Anderson and Frisby, you are advised that the applications should be for two days less in each case. Voucher in payment should carry indication that constructive February 29 and 30th are included in the computation of number of days for which paid. Employees are constructively present on constructive days, therefore deduction from payroll for the two days in question need not necessarily have been made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

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Mar. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit by C/D #3771 dated Mar. 5, 1914, the sums indicated below in payment for 12 2¢ stamped envelope dies, as per bill accompanying letter of Dec. 30, 1913.

Wages of Workmen, Mint	at Philadelphia, 1914 -	-$113.20
Contingent Expenses	do -	6.80
		$120.00

Respectfully,

F Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to-day sent to Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, making reply to his request for information as to the charges upon certain coinage for Costa Rica. In view of the small amount of coinage proposed I have concluded that it will probably be more convenient all around to furnish the amount of gold and silver required from our own stock. I would like to have you go over all of the figures given and advise me whether you find any errors in the calculations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Mint at San Francisco the following articles:-

6 sets coin collar segments for Double Eagles.
2 sets coin collar segments for Eagles.
4 sets of toggles for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of James Clendenin for supplying your Mint with 200,000 pounds of low bridge electrolytic copper for Minor Coinage, at the rate of 14-3/5 cents per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen pairs of dime coinage dies, as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith proofs of two plates for the coin catalogue. Will you please retain these proofs and return them with the whole batch of proof which is now in your possession. It is desired to act upon all of the proof and plates and all suggestions at one time. Owing to the distance from the Department this will facilitate the compiling of the book. Each proof should be marked with any suggestions or corrections you desire to make.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

M.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver reporting upon the experimental use of carbon tetrachloride as a cleansing agent for rolls and other parts of machinery affected by grease, oil, etc. He reports that carbon tetrachloride performs the service very satisfactorily, and that an economy of approximately $16 a month has resulted from its use.

I would like to have you give it a similar trial and report to the Bureau upon the result.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 11, 1914.

Sir:

I am enclosing six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

EPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th transmitting report of your assayer on assays of Selby Gold:- It is noted that the first four assays of No. 6 are all given as 999 while the second four and the remelt assays are all 998. I would thank you to either confirm or correct these figures. I would also thank you to state the individual assays, together with the proof figures, of the 34 assays made on two samples of American Smelting and Refining gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

FED.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following amounts be deposited in the Treasury to your credit on account of profits on coinage during the month of February:-

On account of profits on Subsidiary Coinage ---------- $3,563.06

On account of profits in Minor Coinage ---------- $123,225.04

Respectfully,

F. D. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose a sample of the bullion forwarded to you on the 28th ultimo and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of gold made on it by the following method: Alloy .5 gram with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of potassium and part the alloy in a mattrass in the regular way, reporting the weight of gold recovered to this Office.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1914.

The Burned coin within, received without letter of advice, is respectfully forwarded with the request that the bullion value be remitted to the owner. The owner has been advised of this reference.

Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant relative to the shipment of counting boards to the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago, I beg to say that the Quartermaster U. S. A., Philadelphia, has this day been requested to forward the Boards.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparatove assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th transmitting assays of fine gold:- On unpacking the box of cupels to-day no marks were found to distinguish the two sets. In the top of the box was a set marked in red pencil Nos. 1 to 9, and in the bottom of the box a set marked in green pencil from Nos. 1 to 9, but nothing was found to show which was the first set and which the second. I would be glad if you could supply this information.

Respectfully,

A. P. Dewey,
Acting Director of the Mint

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March 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 16th instant relative to sealing wax, I have to state that I have been advised from the Division of Printing and Stationery that thirty (30) pounds of red sealing wax was sent to your mint by mail, in two (2) packages, on February 25th.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

Act H

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of an inquiry relative to the quarter dollars which were coined for the Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition, the pieces known as the Isabella quarters being referred to. The Report of the Director of the Mint for the year 1894 indicates that $3,952.25 of these quarter dollars were melted. Will you please give the Bureau any information you may have relative to the sources from which the melted coins were derived. Were they returned to you through the Treasurer's Office? Were any of the $10,000 in these coins, which the bill authorized, left on your hands? Were any received over the counter? Please assist us to any information you may have, and I shall be obliged. The inquiries come partly from the Secretary's Office, and partly from the Treasurer's Office, and I would liek to be able to account for the number melted.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

U. S. Express Co., transportation assay commission records from Washington and return - - - - - - 81¢
Trans. gold coin from Washington Jan. 6th - - 25¢
Penna. R. R. Co., trans. envelopes from Rockville Dec. 30, 1913 and linen tags from Washington Jan. 22, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - 77¢
Quartermaster's Corps, War Dept., ribbons for badges recd. by you Dec. 4, 1913, Jan. 21 and Feb. 19, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - -$150.30

Your bill against the Denver Mint for coin collars, $55.62, has been forwarded for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notation on face of bill.

The Auditor for the Navy Department, by settlement #2033 dated March 7th, has credited your appropriations in the sums requested for 1000 good conduct medals, etc., total $662.65.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 16th regarding cupels: The box forwarded on the 9th contained only two sets of cupels, and the sketch does not bear any notation to show which is No. 1 and which No. 2. The box forwarded on the 16th contained three sets and the sketch is properly marked to show which is which.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter written by the Superintendent of the coining department of the Denver Mint relative to the 1914 dime dies which have been received. It is very unusual to have such a report about dies sent out from the Engraving Department, and I am at a loss to understand how it happened that they were allowed to go out in such condition.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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,March 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 14th instant I have requested the Chief of the Division of Printing and Stationery to forward to your Mint ten (10) pounds of red sealing wax.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Act

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March 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample for gold and to have duplicate determinations of gold made by alloying .5 gram of bullion with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of potassium and parting the alloy in a nitrous in the regular way, reporting all the results to this office

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

WHD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish information as below for support of your disbursing accounts:

Vou. #279, Nov. - favor Fairbanks Co.; 2d item, 4 flanges @ 60¢, $2.40, is unsupported by quotation or order.
Vou. 255, Nov. - favor United Lead Co.; is accompanied by letter (returned herewith) but not by quotation or order.
Vou. #309, Dec., favor Fairmount Foundry Co., carries indication of 1st grade castings, although 3rd grade is paid for.
Vou. #316, Dec., favor Geo. W. Field, is unaccompanied by quotation or copy of order.
Vou. #317, Dec., favor Decker, Son & Co., carries indication of quantity in numbers but not the unit, the price being by the dozen; the quantities given seem to be dozens.
Vou. 320, Dec., favor Lewis & Dilworth; is unaccompanied by quotation or copy of order.
Vou. #360, Jan., favor Fenton Label Co.; capacity in which H. T. Kennedy signs for company is not indicated.
Vou. #387, Jan., favor Schuylkill Forgings & Steel Co., is not certified in the name of the payee; returned herewith for correction.

Please forward all bids received, also copy of Director's authority for sale of old material, to support amount taken up on account current as per statement dated Dec. 31, 1913, total $1158.89.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of Mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of recent date enclosing sketches of medals for the War Department, I beg to say that the following suggestions have been made by a representative of that Department, and are respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Engraver:

Design No. 1, with obverse as indicated on drawing is regarded as most excellent. It is thought, however, that the reverse indicated on design No. 3, with the changes in wording noted on said reverse, would be what is desired for this medal.

The word "Northern" upon the bar of design No. 1 should be changed to "Division".

While the designs numbered "3" are considered good ones, the obverse bears a general resemblance to the medal awarded in the National Match contests. As it is desired to have a different type of medals in the Division matches it is suggested that for the obverse side of this medal a replica be substituted of a figure on the monument to the Minute Man erected at Lexington, Massachusetts. It is believed that a copy of the statue of the Minute Man as represented on this monument could be obtained from the Library of Congress. It is thought that such a medal would be extremely popular and symbolical.

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With respect to the medal for the Pistol competition attention is invited to the fact that the sketch shows a revolver. The automatic pistol will be used in the matches, and if is suggested that the Engraver take this matter up with the Frankford Arsenal, requesting to be supplied for the time being with the type of automatic pistol to be used, or a photograph of the same, this design to be used in lieu of the crossed revolvers. It is further suggested for this medal that in lieu of the target there be substituted a design in which the National Shield is introduced as a device.

It is thought advisable that the same reverse be used for all these medals, namely, the one indicated on design No. 3, with the changes noted in the wording.

Will you please submit rough sketches of medals in conformity with the above suggestions, as far as practicable.

Please return the enclosed sketches upon which notations have been made, to be returned to the War Department with whatever sketches the Engraver may submit in addition.

Respectfully,

F. C. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau does not receive information as to settlements made by the Auditor for the War Department of accounts rendered by you, and I have to request that if such information is received by you it be furnished to us at the time received by you. If not received by you an effort will be made to get it from the War Department.

We have received no information concerning accounts rendered to the Ordnance Dept., the Board of Rifle Practice and Isthmian Canal Commission during the current fiscal year, and if you have been notified of the settlement dates and numbers request that they be sent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant relative to the Isabella quarter. A copy of the letter has been forwarded to the office of the Secretary of the Treasury. Thank you for the very satisfactory and complete information given.

Respectfully,

A. O. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco at your earliest convenience ten pairs of double eagle dies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your request for authority to purchase a new Burroughs Adding Machine I beg to say that it will be necessary to place the order for the machine with the agent at Washington. The agent at Philadelphia will receive the commission, however, for the order will be sent to him to be filled. This is the practice in the cases of articles for which the Treasury has contracted. The machine would be ordered according to your specifications, and at the price you name, including the eliminating key.

The amount offered for the old machine, $35.00, if the highest price obtainable after offering it to several possible purchasers, would, as you know, be turned into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, and could not be applied to the purchase of the new machine.

Should you desire a machine electrically operated, which would appear to be desirable, and an advantage over the hand operated machine for which you make requisition, the price would be $68 in addition. Please advise this office in regard to your preference in this respect.

Respectfully,

A. P. Dewey.
Acting Director of the Mint.

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, March 25,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of Form 976 "Superintendent's Settlement", Form 900 "Melter and Refiner's Settlement", and Form 901 "Coiner's Settlement", for the purpose of revision by the officers of your Mint, which you will please have returned to this Bureau, if convenient, on or before April 15th.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Sec'd

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your statement of old material sold, dated Dec. 31, 1913, please advise me as to the quantity of steel and iron scrap delivered; the quantity given, 43390 lbs. at $7.00 per long ton totals less than the value given, $148.09. It is noted that the lower bid for lead scrap was accepted for 130 lbs. old lead seals; please furnish explanation to accompany the account to the Auditor.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed correspondence with Mr. Chapman, I would suggest that if these books have not been delivered it is possible for you to ignore his bid and invite bids again if you are satisfied that the facts are as represented.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith three letters from the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, all relative to the Mint exhibit to be made in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Please take up the subject matter of these letters with your assistants who are able to give the information desired, and give me a reply in detail as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 18th transmitting gold determinations by cadmium fusions:- Trouble having been reported with this bullion owing to small particles of the sample failing to alloy with cadmium, I am enclosing more of the sample for a repetition of the determination by wrapping the weighed sample in about a gram of thin lead foil before alloying with cadmium. I would also suggest that the scale pan be carefully examined after each weighing for adhering dust from the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 25th instant you are authorized to purchase a Burroughs Adding Machine, type No. 124, at $272.72, with the additional equipment of an electric motor for operating at a cost of $68.18, the total cost of the machine to be $340.90.

Please forward this order to Mr. E. S. Newman, Agent, Burroughs Adding Machine, 1018 14th Street, Washington, D. C. The Washington agent will have the machine delivered to you through the Philadelphia agent of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Pamphlet No. 10, "American Art in Bronze and Iron" which has been lent to the Bureau by the Library of Congress. On the last page of the pamphlet will be found a photograph of the "Minute Man" referred to in the suggestion made by the War Department for its proposed new medal.

Please return the Pamphlet to the Bureau at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to a request from the Bureau the Chief of Division of Printing and Stationery has urged the contractor to make your order for linen envelopes "special", and that officer is to-day in receipt of word from the makers of the envelopes that they will be shipped to you not later than the 31st instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith another letter from Mr. P. P. Rincones, Consul General of Venezuela at New York, in which he asks for figures upon the cost of master dies. The other figures for coinage were given according to your letter of recent date.

After carefully reviewing the subject again I have come to the conclusion that under the Act of January 29, 1874, we have full authority to do everything that is necessary to be done in order to execute coinage for foreign Governments. This act is subsequent to the act of 1873, which limits the making of dies at the mint to those of a national character. So much confusion and trouble arise from attempting to use hubs made by outside engravers that it is evidently desirable that they shall be made at the Mint. The old practice of having them made by mint engravers on their own account is objectionable and certain sooner or later to involve them in criticism, which I am sure they wish to avoid.

I am writing to Mr. Rincones and asking him to return to you the sample nickel coin upon receipt of which please have the engraver submit an estimate of the cost of making hubs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant announcing the death, on the 24th instant, of Mr. William Watson.

I am enclosing herewith affidavit to be filled out in case no letters of administration or letters testamentary have not been issued, in order that the wages due Mr. Watson at the time of his death shall be paid to the proper parties.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts.

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith one dollar for which please send to the Bureau one medal of President Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. giving information concerning certain settlements by the Auditor for the War Department.

According to our records the following bills rendered prior to the current month also remain unsettled; if your records show that they have been settled please advise me, giving settlement numbers and dates:

Ordnance Dept., 24 oz. proof silver billed about Oct. 17, 1913 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $24.00
Post Office Dept., dies billed about Jan. 4, 1914, $240.00
Asst. Treasurer, New York, 6 adjusters scales, billed about Jan. 21, 1914 - - - - - - - - $ 66.26
Smithsonian Institution, 5 silver discs, billed about Feb. 20, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - $ 11.05

Your account for 1000 good conduct medals furnished the Navy Dept. Dec. 19, 1913, has been settled by the Auditor for the Navy Dept., #2058 dated Mar. 18, 1914, crediting Wages $278.69 and Contingent $93.96.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the purchase of 200,000 ounces of silver for your Mint has been made this day, and you will receive the same from the American Smelting & Refining Company at the rate of $0.5845 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

War Dept., ribbon for badges rec'd by you 3/9 - - $11.60
Penna. R. R. Co., transportation envelopes from Rockville 2/13 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - .46

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

March 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a communication from the Engraver, I am forwarding herewith a specimen medal for the National Match for Military Schools to be submitted to the Engraver for his guidance.

It is suggested by the War Department that some slight change be made in the shape of the bar in order that it may not be an exact copy of the medal made by Dieges and Clust.

Please return the enclosed medal to the Bureau at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter enclosing Mr. Yeats' figures relative to the abrasion of silver coins was duly received. I wish that you would have Mr. Yeats put all of the available material bearing upon this subject into the form of a paper to be published in the next Annual Report, summarizing our experience upon this subject. If there is any data in our records relative to the gold coins this should be included.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

From and after Wednesday, April 1, 1914, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 57 cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the authority forwarded to you this day for advertising for proposals for supplies for the next fiscal year I beg to say that proposals for supplying graphite goods will be invited by the Bureau.

Will you please forward a list of all graphite goods which you estimate will be needed by your office during the fiscal year 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith authority for you to advertise in certain newspapers for supplies which will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, and which you desire to purchase under contract.

The experience of the past year justifies the action reducing the number of contracts and it seems desirable to continue to pursue that policy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Division of Printing and Stationery asking for new photographs for such of the enclosed plates as are marked "unsatisfactory". It is desirable to expedite this work as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are advised that your bills, mentioned below, have been settled as indicated:

P. O. Dept., 12 stamped envelope dies billed 12/30/13, $120.00; settlement #3771 dated Mar. 5, 1914.
Smithsonian Institution, 12 silver discs billed 12/6/13, $11.70; settlement #8139 dated Dec. 19, 1913.

The Bureau has no record of the bills mentioned at foot of first page of your letter of the 28th inst., viz.: Navy Dept., 250 bronze good conduct bars, $100.00, billed Feb. 7, 1914, and War Dept., ribbons for badges $140.36, billed Feb. 14, 1914. We do, however, have record of a bill for $100 rendered March 5, 1914, for 250 good conduct bars furnished the Marine Corps, this having been settled the 24th inst., #2075.

We have no record of settlement of bill rendered March 5th for one R.R. life saving medal, $10.23, furnished the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 3, 1913, relative to bonds of watchmen I beg to say that in many instances it seems desirable to have the elevator conductors bonded as metal is constantly passing up and down either in their custody or where they have access to it. Although all of your conductors may not be so situated it may be desirable to shift them from one elevator to another.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN. Night Message

Washington,

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. March 31, 1914.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
" Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " " New Orleans, La.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " " Boise, Idaho,
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.

Amending order received by you today pay for silver contained in gold deposits received on and after Wednesday April first at rate of fifty-eight cents per fine ounce.

Director.

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Appropriation for Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 6128.

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Mint

April 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of fine gold, about 999 fine, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TPD.

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April 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S., Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 56.1 grams cornets for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD

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April 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please send to the Bureau one each of the following medals, rendering for the same an account against Honorable John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency. The medals are to be in bronze, and sent by ordinary mail:

Life Saving Medal (Metes).
The Great Seal.
Kittanning (Col. Armstrong)
Thomas Jefferson
George Washington
James Monroe
Wright Brothers

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has made requisition for six Double Eagle Coin Collars.

Will you please forward them at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to Mr. Lore I beg to say that upon inquiry at the Civil Service Commission the Bureau has been advised that the District Secretary was authorized on March 28th to prepare an non-competitive examination for the transfer of Mr. Lore. It is understood by the Commission that this change will result in a demotion for Mr. Lore, but as his status as "helper" is covered by a different examination from that of Assistant Engineer, the non-competitive examination will be required.

Respectfully,

L. O. Franklin

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to wash basins replaced in the different offices of the building, I beg to say that this expense is a proper charge against the appropriation "Mechanical Equipment of Public Buildings" under the control of the Supervising Architect, and your letter has been referred to that officer, for his consideration and action.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have duplicate ~~many~~ assays made on each sample for gold and to have duplicate determinations of gold made by alloying .5 gram of bullion with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of pottassium and parting the alloy in a mattrass in the regular way, reporting all the results to this office.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant enclosing proof gold, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the photographs for the Coin Catalogue. You have retained the old proofs of the plates for which you forwarded new proofs. The printer would like to have these.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

M.

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April 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of April has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - -	9,000
	$40,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

April 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FrD.

April 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication of the 4th instant with accompanying letters from the foreman of machinery and the Engraver, relative to the lay-out for the Mint exhibit at the San Francisco Exposition, and the medals therefore, is at hand.

While it seems best to place the operation of the exhibit under the management of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, I would like to have some suggestions from Mr. Hewett as to the lay-out. He has had experience in this matter and no one at the San Francisco Mint has had any experience. Of course we should have the benefit of the experience gained in other Expositions in order to know what is most interesting to the public, and how the exhibit may be most attractively and satisfactorily arranged. I am enclosing herewith a plan showing the last allotment of space to the exhibit and will thank you to have Mr. Hewett lay out a suggestive arrangement of equipment.

I note in this connection that the Engraver does not approve of making the blanks in the exhibit, and pronounces the exhibit of this character at St. Louis a failure. If I am not mistaken the blanks were made in the Exhibit at New York last fall and were entirely satisfactory to everybody. If the blanks are purchased the exhibit will be confined to the operations of a coining press. I should like to have Mr. Hewett's advice on this point. My idea of the exhibit at San Francisco is that it should be

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practically the same as the exhibit at New York last fall with the possible addition of the refining process, and perhaps a case of medals.

Referring to the Engraver's suggestion of the Government Building as one of the features of a medal design I would say that there will be no Government Building at the San Francisco Exposition. The Government exhibits will be scattered among the other buildings. It seems to me that the suggestion of the portrait of Col. Goethals is quite appropriate, and I do not see why it may not be successfully used in a low relief. I would be glad to have you take up the matter of medal designs with the Engraver again and see if he cannot use some of the suggestions that have been made, or offer alternatives. In regard to the medals you will observe that the Chief Clerk suggests an exhibit in cases similar to the one made at the Seattle Exposition. I would not approve of sending coins for exhibition, and am not familiar with the exhibit made at Seattle, but see no objection to providing a case of medals.

I am returning the Chief Clerk's letters herewith for your further consideration.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant enclosing seven medals. As soon as an account is received from you for the medals it will be transmitted to Mr. Williams for payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Copy to all institutions

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

April 8, 1914.

Sir:

I have to invite your attention to the substance of a recent decision (Mar. 31, 1914) of the Comptroller of the Treasury on the subject of exigency purchases.

One of the Marine Hospitals procured 2 doz. hemmed napkins and a hand bell, certifying purchase under method of advertising No. 3 and form of agreement C, with the statement that the napkins were to replace worn out ones and bell to replace a broken one that was in daily use.

The Comptroller held that under the provisions of Sec. 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, it was the duty of the officer in charge to advertise for proposals to furnish the articles in question; or, if an exigency existed prior to the order and would not admit of the delay incident to advertising by the prescribed methods, it was his duty to attach certificate to the voucher setting forth the reasons therefor. The certificate attached in this case does not show that an exigency existed, but on the contrary suggests that the purchase was made in open market in violation of law. It may easily be conceived that the sudden breaking of a call bell might create an emergency if the use of the bell was needed and there was none other available for substitution, but we must know that the wearing out process with reference to table napkins is of necessity a gradual one and it is entirely beyond reason to assume that an emergency could suddenly arise for such a purchase from such a cause. The mere statement that an emergency exists for the purchase of an article is by no means conclusive upon the question. An exigency or emergency justifying such a purchase must be, not the creature of some ones imagination, but a condition predicated upon facts.

As the above mentioned decision will doubtless be followed by the Auditor in passing on your vouchers for purchases subsequent to March 31, 1914, you should govern yourself in accordance therewith.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith by registered mail a small nugget received through the Chief Clerk from Representative Taylor. Will you please remit to the Bureau a check in favor of Mr. Taylor for the value of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There was forwarded to you to-day under separate cover the proof of the Index for the Coin Catalogue. In returning this proof will you please cause the same to be "O.K'd" by the Curator and request him to state that the proof now in the hands of the Printing and Stationery Division, with the exception of the photographs.is ready for printing.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in gold, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau at your early convenience of the number of each size of coin bags used by you during the calendar year 1913. This information is desired by the Secretary's Office for consideration when awarding the contract for bags for the coming fiscal year. The number used by you during the past calendar year will be a sufficient guide.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 8th instant I would say that nothing has been determined in regard to the designs for the souvenir medal. It has been suggested that a portrait profile of Col. Goethals would do very well for one side, and I am trying to get suggestions from Mr. Barber for the other side.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter relative to conditions in the engine room I beg to say that the Supervising Architect will send Mr. Atkins at an early date for the purpose of making a further investigation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1914.

Dear Mr. Landis:

This will introduce instructors from the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, with the senior class of the Case School, who desire to witness the operations of the Mint. Will you please provide them with a special guide and have them shown throughout your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. John H. Landis,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

EFD.

April 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, for ribbon received by you March 26, 1914, for badges, has been referred to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $44.10.

Your bills as below have been forwarded for settlement, the amounts to be credited to your appropriations as noted on face of vouchers:

New York Assay Office, anode bags and canvas fire mitts, $180.00

Denver Mint, 12 dime coin collars - - - - - - - 28.51

Respectfully,

F. Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill against the Post Office Dept. for Huckins Dies has been settled in the sum of $240.00 by C/D #4539 dated April 8, 1914, your appropriations being credited as below:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Phila., 1914	-	-	$226.92
Contingent Expenses	do	- -	13.08

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant relative to authority to pay the estate of Mr. William Watson I beg to say that if the Superintendent desires to recommend that sick leave be approved, and will send to the Bureau a formal statement to that effect in order that it may be attached to the pay roll, the recommendation will be approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding two copies of report of the committee appointed to perfect our cost system and prepare forms for annual reports.

The report has been adopted and the plan will be operated during the next fiscal year; reports for the fiscal year 1915 will be prepared in accordance with the accompanying forms.

In order that the system may be in as good working order as possible by the first of July it is desired that it be put into operation on May 1st and that the cost report for May be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible after the close of that month. It is expected that printed forms (Nos. 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 incl.) will be ready for use by May 1st.

The clerk given charge of this work should be a competent one and should receive your hearty support in the securing of required information and in its preparation to accord with the plan as outlined. After he has become familiar with the plan, by study, and before it is put into operation, he should be directed to make an inventory of the "work in process" (incomplete jobs) to be used as the starting point of the new system. He should also make a tour of the building, with authority to see that such supplies as are found to be on hand, not in the custody of the storekeeper and not to be actually used on the job against which they have been charged (thus forming a part of the inventory of "work in process"), be returned at once to the custody of the storekeeper. The careful and accurate handling of stores and stores charges is positively necessary to the successful operation of any cost system, and if stores are available for use without being charged through the regular channels a great deal of trouble will be experienced in making reconciliation at end of year.

The cost clerk will need assistance and such reassignment of the clerical force as is necessary should be made to provide this. Probably the work of clerks to heads of departments will be lessened in some instances and the department heads will be able to get along with a clerk for part of the time only.

It is realized that anything so complicated as a cost system is difficult of accurate and clear description in all its details, and if careful study and frequent reference to the report of the committee do not provide a clear understanding of the procedure the Bureau will be pleased to co-operate by endeavoring to answer such questions as may be submitted.

As suggested by the committee, constructive criticism is invited; it is desired to secure the best possible results with the least work.

It is suggested that Mr. Yeats be given charge of the work of installation.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

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April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $38,766.30 be deposited in the Treasury in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of five cent pieces during the month of March, and that the Minor Coin Account of your Mint be increased in that amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring further to your letter of the 26th ultimo I beg to say that you are authorized to pay the estate of Mr. Watson for twenty-three days absence on account of sickness.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Will you please forward to the Bureau by ordinary mail one copy of the Winfield Scott Medal (for battles in Mexico) in bronze, transmitting with the medal an account against Hon. John Skelton Williams.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a request for the striking of a duplicate award medal issued by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. I seem to remember that we have made duplicate award medals issued by the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, but am not clear just what our procedure was. Have we required specific authority from the exposition authorities in such cases?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th with accompanying plan for the Mint exhibit at the Panama Pacific Exposition. Generally speaking the plan seems to me to be very good, but it has been suggested that it would be desirable, if practicable, to have a passage-way for the public all around the exhibit instead of upon only three sides. I presume Mr. Hewett is satisfied from his experience that a satisfactory view of the entire exhibit can be had as he has arranged it. In view of the drawing power of the exhibit, as shown at New York, it would obviously be desirable to allow the public to pass all around it if such an arrangement can be made.

I am not clear as to why the coin reviewing machine and automatic weighing machine are placed ahead of the coining press in the arrangement. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco writes that he will be unable to spare from the mint the following equipment:

One upsetting machine.
One six-foot balance
One coin drying machine
One coin reviewing machine.

I would like to inquire whether this equipment can be spared from the Philadelphia Mint without inconvenience. Also, please report to me the cost of each of these machines and whether you can build the upsetting and reviewing machines and the six-foot balance in your machine shop between now and January 1st next.

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The space provided for a medal case allows for only about 8 x 2½ ft. The exhibit of medals has not been determined upon and the Government Board is wanting our advice about it. I would suggest that you confer with Mr. Comparette and have him get up a list of medals of our own make, and see how large a case will be required for it.

I find that a number of questions propounded by the Chief Clerk of the Department in his letter of March 21st have not been answered. Among them is a request for an estimate for the cost of the die and hub for the exposition medal and for the working dies which may be required. Give us an estimate of how many medals can be struck from each pair of dies. The letter also requests an estimate upon the number of blanks which can be manufactured daily and the amount of pig metal and cost thereof which will be required. Is it desirable that any of the medals shall be gold plated, and if so, what will this cost?

An estimate is also requested as to the current expenses of operating the exhibit for gas and electricity. Please give us an estimate of the quantity of each that will be required per day.

Please give us an estimate of the freight charges on the machinery named from Philadelphia to San Francisco, or give us the approximate weight boxed and the cost of shipment will be calculated here.

It may be desirable for someone to go from the Philadelphia Mint to San Francisco and assist in the installation and starting of the exhibit. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will have charge of the exhibit, but as no one at that Mint has ever had anything to do with our previous exhibits it will doubtless be advantageous to have a capable machinist from your institution detailed for his assistance, and whom you can spare.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 18th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Mr. A. F. O'Connell, amounting to $15.00, for the removal of the old trees and the furnishing and planting of two new ones in their stead on the Spring Garden Street side of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 18th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Gas Furnace Company for furnishing your Mint with three (3) cast iron retorts for No. 17 heating machine, at a cost of $225.00, it being understood that the retorts are patented and can be procured only from this Company.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Penna. R. R. Co. for transportation of crucibles from Jersey City March 10 and March 14, 1913, has been referred to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1913 in the sum of $4.16.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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, April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your deposit statement, Form 61, for the calendar year 1913, I would be pleased to have you advise this Bureau of the cost value of silver contained in the deposits and redeposits, separately, covering the above named period.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Act H.

April 20, 1914.

Mr. T. L. Comparette,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 18th instant is at hand. I had not seen the statement relative to the Bank of France to which you allude. While I supposed that the Bank of France carried considerable bullion in its reserves I am surprised to hear it placed at so high a sum. I would like to know definitely whether it has $600,000,000 of bullion.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a communication from F. A. Branda & Co., which asks for a reply by Wednesday, the 22nd instant. Please make reply direct to Branda & Co., and return the enclosed letter to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the Major General Scott Medal forwarded with your letter of the 20th instant to be delivered to Mr. Williams. The Bureau was in error in asking for the Major General Scott Medal for Battles in Mexico. The medal desired by Mr. Williams is the Major General Scott Medal(Commonwealth of Virginia).

I have further to request that the medal now asked for be struck in the Scovill bronze if practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Comparette asks authority to allow the models of the new nickel five cent piece to be taken across the street from the Mint to be photographed. I see no objection to allowing this to be done.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the Mint at San Francisco $1,000 worth of proof gold for the use of the Assay Department of that institution, notifying this Bureau when the same is ready for shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Beekley on the 16th instant, will you please advise the Bureau if you have considered filling this place, and if so, what vacancy would be created by the promotion of one or more of your present force in the assay department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please quote to the Bureau the charge for making the silver discs concerning which inquiry was made by F. A. Branda & Co. Their request was for a price on discs 900 fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith fifteen copies of the General Supply Committee's specifications for proposals for coal to be used in inviting bids. If the number of copies herewith is not sufficient please advise the Bureau and an additional number of copies will be procured for you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Post Office Dept. for dies billed in March has been settled by C/D #4750 dated April 17, 1914, credit to your appropriations being as follows:

Wages of Workmen, 1914 - - - - - - - -	$181.99
Contingent Expenses, 1914 - - - - - -	8.01
	$190.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $1,000 payable in 46.375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded by you to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant you are hereby authorized to issue an order to Grant, Bushnell & Co., for supplying your Mint with the regular numbers of the Counterfeit Detector, amounting to $3.00, and covering the fiscal year 1914; payment to be made when the last copy is delivered.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant giving a list of graphite goods likely to be required during the fiscal year 1915, I beg to ask if you will kindly send to the Bureau five blue prints of Gold Stirrers, "O", B/P 128W, and five blue prints of No. 60 Horns, B/P No. 128F.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullio
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to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of

FPD.

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April 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under date April 18, 1914 and number 6552 the Auditor for the State and other Departments advises of settlement of your bill against the Interstate Commerce Commission for life saving medal furnished in March, crediting your appropriations as follows:

Wages of Workmen, 1914 - - - - - - -	$9.22
Contingent Expenses, 1914 - - - - -	1.01
	$10.23

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the American Smelting and Refining Company has this day been requested to deliver to your institution 200,000 ounces of silver which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of fifty-nine cents ($0.59) per ounces fine.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the General Scott Medal which, together with your account for the same has been transmitted to Mr. Williams.

Will you please forward to the Bureau two additional medals in Scovill bronze of the Major General Winfield Scott Medal (Commonwealth of Virginia) and one Major General Scott Medal, for battles in Mexico, in Scovill bronze, together with your account for the medals against Hon. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

H. O. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter received from F. A. Branda & Company in compliance with your request of the 23rd instant.

Respectfully,

J. C. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the amount of nickel you now have on hand, and how soon you will be likely to require the purchase of another invoice.

Respectfully,

L. O. Brenner

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau the following medals, together with an account for the same against Hon. John Skelton Williams:

Two medals "Rescue of officers and crew Brig Somers. (No 20).

One medal "Captain Perry (State of Pennsylvania), capture of fleet on Lake Erie". (No. 22)

One medal "Washington" (Presidential) No. 1.

One medal "John Paul Jones".

A copy of the last named medal is enclosed for your guidance. Please advise the Bureau if you can supply this particular medal.

You are also requested to lend to the Bureau one Cleveland Presidential Medal, and one copy of the Departure of the Fleet medal.

All of the above medals are desired in the Scovill Bronze.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the design submitted by Mr. Barber for the obverse of the medal for the Panama Pacific Exposition, and assuming that the reverse will bear the portrait of Colonel Goethals, will you please advise the bureau of the length of time that will be required for the preparation of the dies, and the approximate cost of the work.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

April 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause thirty (30) pairs of dime dies to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Attention is invited to the deduction by the Congress of $350.00 for stationery, from your current contingent appropriation. This should be carried in the accounts as an expenditure.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

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Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasury Department representative of the Panama Pacific Exposition Company has requested that Mr. Hevett be allowed to come to Washington for conference relative to the Mint exhibit at the Exposition. I have approved of this request and trust it will be convenient for you to allow Mr. Hewett to be absent on this duty for a short time.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten pairs of nickel dies.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco further requests that the coin collar segments for double eagles, the collar segments for eagles, and the toggles for the same, ordered in Bureau letter of March 9th, be expedited as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday concerning cost system forms, you are advised that forms 1008, 1010 and 1011 were mailed you yesterday, also 1500 additional of 1007. Requisition should be submitted for such additional quantity of the forms as you will require at this time.

The remainder of the forms have not as yet been received from the printing office; they will be forwarded you as soon as received here. In anticipation of prompt delivery by the printing office, letter of advice dated the 24th instant was made to include the entire series of forms.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

P.S.:-
Job order cards, form 1004, go forward today.

May 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Library Bureau a card index case consisting of two 6-drawer sections for 8" x 5" cards, a top and base, at a cost of $45, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the medals forwarded by you for transmission to the Comptroller of the Currency. The medals have been delivered to him together with your accounts amounting to $19.00.

The receipt of the two medals lent to the Bureau, namely, the Departure of the Fleet, and the medal of President Cleveland, is also acknowledged.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the 2nd report of Inspector Atkins of the Supervising Architect's Office upon the organization of your power plant, with definite recommendations thereupon. These recommendations are approved by this Bureau and you are directed to take steps at once to carry them out.

I am satisfied that Mr. Atkins takes the correct view in saying that "it is quite evident that the Superintendent in charge of the mint has been too lenient in dealing with these men; otherwise present conditions would not exist."

The proper conduct of the power plant is one of the most important features of the administration of the mint, and it is highly desirable that the existing unsatisfactory conditions shall be corrected. While I dislike to direct the demotion and reduction of pay of any of the men I am convinced that it is necessary for you to take hold of the situation with a firm hand, and carry out strictly and thoroughly the recommendations that have been made. These recommendations require that a new designation, to be known as fireman-engineer shall be created, with a salary between that of a fireman and that of an engineer; say at $90 per month, and that two of the assistant engineers shall be reduced to this designation. Unless there are substantial

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reasons to the contrary I think these two should be the last two firemen raised to the designation of "assistant engineer."

The Civil Service Commission will approve this action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Congressman Palmer to the Secretary relative to the application of David R. Highley for appointment in the Mint. Please let me know whether or not you have any acquaintance with Mr. Highley, and what you know about him. Have you any objection to making the appointment?

Resoectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

With reference to the cost system and inventory you are advised that the cost of patterns, also of special tools made expressly for the manufacture of a particular thing and having no other use (such as those used in manufacture of automatic weighing machines), should be charged to the original job for which they were made, and schedules of both patterns and tools kept, copies of the schedules to accompany the inventories, but without valuation. Many patterns are never used but once and the original tools are frequently in the nature of experiments. The cost of replacing such tools should be charged directly to the job for which replacement becomes necessary.

When experiments result in adoption of new equipment a fair valuation should be given the new equipment as Capital Outlay, leaving the remainder of experimental costs to be distributed at end of year over usual products.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Attention is invited to the following items pertaining to your disbursing accounts:

February - Vou. #415; capacity in which John McIlhenny signs for Helme & McIlhenny is not indicated.

Vou. #416, favor F. A. Mitchell and #419, favor Watson Malone & Sons; purchase is indicated as being in accordance with method 4a of advertising and without any form of agreement. Method 4a is not applicable to these purchases, there being no formal contract with either of these firms for the articles purchased nor for anything else. Method 4a is intended to cover such cases as the following: Under a formally executed contract, say for installing an engine, it becomes necessary to do work not contemplated by the original specifications and, by reason of certain conditions, it is practicable of performance only by this particular contractor. When you are satisfied that prices are favorable it is permissible to make purchases on former quotations, but in such cases reference should be made to the voucher with which the original quotation is filed, and method of advertisement, also form of agreement, should conform to the original purchase. It may be that these purchases are of this character and if so you are requested to inform me as to the proper references.

Vou. #420; number (size) of coin bags not given.

Vou. #445, favor J. I. Gaumer Co.; quotation is on 40 machine steel pieces, with other items, at a total cost of $13.50; voucher calls for 20 machine steel pieces, with the other items, at $13.50; please advise me concerning the other 20 machine steel pieces.

March - Vouchers #450, favor Philpot & Co.; #451, favor Geo. W. Field; #460, favor Watson Malone & Sons; #471, favor F. A. Mitchell; #474 and 475, favor Watson Malone & Sons and #498, favor Geo. W. Field are all in the same class as February vouchers #416 and 419, above.

Vou. #462, favor Fairmount Foundry Co., bears no indication as to what articles were purchased.

Vou. #464, favor F. A. Mitchell, is not supported by quotation; rejected quotation of Geo. W. Field is returned herewith.

Vou. #500, favor Fairmount Foundry Co., pulleys; purchase is indicated as being under contract of June 26, 1913; this contract bears no indication of pulleys.

Vou. #519 - favor Western Union Telegraph Co. for message from the Director of the Mint, New York to Philadelphia. This message was on Govt. business and should have been paid for at Govt. rates instead of at public rates; paid 37¢. Govt. rate 24¢, difference 13¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of May has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	22,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - -	8,000
	$35,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a report made by Dr. E. B. Clark of Washington, D. C., upon an invention by Mr. G. R. Cottrell of a gas and air mixing meter which is claimed to effect an important economy in the consumption of gas. I would suggest that you refer this opinion to Mr. Coleman with a view to having him investigate it in connection with the other process for the same purpose which he now has on trial. Mr. Cottrell has been advised of this reference and will doubtless call to give additional information.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

A business letter has come into my hands written upon the letter head of the "Apgar Engineering Company, Consulting Experts Steam, Hydraulic and Electrical Engineering in All Its Branches" 118 State St., Camden, New Jersey, and enclosed in an envelope which bears the card of "Peter E. Apgar, Steam and Electrical Engineer" 612 Betz Building, Philadelphia, Pa. The letter is signed "Peter E. Apgar, Chief of Electrical Department, Mint of the United States at Philadelphia."

This printed matter and signature seem to show beyond question that Mr. Apgar is carrying on a private business in his own name and using his position in the Mint to aid him in competition for business. I would like to know how long this has been going on and whether you have had any knowledge of it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Thursday, May 7th you will please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of fifty-nine cents per fine ounce,

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The small badge for Military schools submitted by the Engraver in his letter of the 29th ultimo is approved, although it has been suggested by the War Department that the work is not quite so clearly finished as is usual with the work from the Mint. If it can be improved in this respect it should be done.

I am enclosing four small buttons which the War Department buys in lots as stated on the cards. Is it practicable to make these at the Mint, and if so, at what price?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the P. O. Dept. for manufacture of stamped envelope dies, billed in April, has been settled by C/D #5156 dated May 5, 1914.. The amount has been placed to your personal credit and to the credit of the appropriations indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia,	1914 -	$225.31
Contingent Expenses	do	14.69
		$240.00

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There is still a large amount of old material, equipment, furniture, etc., in the New Orleans Mint which I think should be disposed of in some manner, and the place cleaned up. I am enclosing herewith the inventories for 1911 and 1913, the former being perhaps a little more conveniently arranged than the latter. I wish you would have these looked over by the heads of your departments, and particularly by Mr. Coleman, and give me a list of the articles which might be transferred advantageously to Philadelphia. Mr. Coleman is very familiar with the equipment, and his advice should be taken in all cases. I would call your attention particularly to two coining presses, although I know nothing as to their value; also, to the No. 200 crucibles.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing a one cent bronze piece handed in by the Secret Service Bureau. There is something peculiar about its appearance, although it seems to be a genuine piece. Please give us your opinion as to what has been done to it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $226,458.22 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver and the increase of the bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

I have also requested the deposit of the sum of $237,500 on account of the profits on minor coins, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your Mint in that amount.

Respectfully,

George Roberts

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten reverse double eagle dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your recommendations to fill the three positions of fireman-engineer have been received. The first two are eligible, but Mr. Edgar, never having been examined for a position above that of fireman, will have to take a non-competitive examination. I am advising you of this that you may act upon it if you wish to change your recommendation. The recommendations will all be held until I have heard from you further.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to Mr. Eugene Hendley, Treasury Agent, United States Express Company, Treasury Department, Washington, one set of Presidential Medals, together with your account for the same. Mr. Hendley desires that the medals be made of the Scovill bronze.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN;

Washington,

May 11, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Wire dimensions nickel piece. Does present ~~mmx~~ coin differ in dimensions from coin of nineteen nine.

Roberts

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—1927.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

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May 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Navy Department for 6 silver and 3 bronze medals furnished the Marine Corps, $25.45, has been settled by the Auditor for the Navy Department, settlement #2145 dated the 9th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an order issued by the Acting Secretary which is self explanatory. Please put the order in execution at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase from Mr. C. L. Metzgar, one Ensign Electric Calculating Machine, model F, with 16 result holes, at a total cost of $450.00, less 1% for payment in ten days, and to include a monthly cleaning and oiling inspection and guarantee for a period of three years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter relative to a coin or medal, together with pencil rubbing of the same. Will you please submit them to the Curator and advise me about them, returning to the Bureau the enclosures.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Relative to the position of fireman-engineer, and of Mr. Edgar's transfer thereto, I would say that it does not necessarily follow because one position is in the same schedule with another that an examination is not required for transfer. It has not yet been determined by the Civil Service Commission in which schedule the position of fireman-engineer shall be placed, but in any event we are assured that an examination will be required of firemen promoted to the new position. I presume Mr. Edgar's experience as fireman, and as acting assistant engineer will count considerably in his favor, and that it will be a non-competitive examination. Under these conditions it seems altogether probable that he will be able to pass. Unless you wish to take other action your recommendation for the promotion of Mr. Edgar will be approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant relative to the action of the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission in forwarding the examination papers for three men from the eligible list of skilled workmen. I am sure that if you will write to the District Secretary telling him that a man of some experience is wanted, and that Mr. Highley is an experienced and successful melter, his appointment as a temporary helper will be assented to, pending the establishment of an eligible register of helper. Please explain that it is desirable to have such a man rather than one who has had no experience that will be helpful to him in mint operations. Of course, there will have to be an examination for the creation of an eligible list of helpers.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a communication from the Adjutant General relative to a letter from Mr. George C. Poppenberg, Woodside, Long Island, whose campaign badge has gone astray in the mails. The Adjutant General's letter indicates that he expects the Mint to issue duplicates in such cases, and you are authorized to do so without additional charge, after having made every practical effort to trace the missing badge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose one of the special assay coins representing quarter-dollar delivery No. 22, and would direct your attention to the lower end of the sheaf of arrows.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1914.

Mr. H. D. Coleman,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I have your note of the 13th instant. I can only say that I have done everything in my power each year to secure the increase in your salary. I know you deserve it, and have told the committee so, but I have failed in my efforts. The bill is now pending in the Senate Committee, and I understand that the Mint appropriations have been dealt with, but I have been unable to learn whether any amendments have been made or not. This is one of the most discouraging conditions of the Government service that one's efforts and recommendations seem to count for so little with the authorities who have control of the appropriations. It is the essential weakness in all government undertakings.

The committees for the last two or three years have been resolutely bent upon holding down appropriations wherever possible and it has seemed to be absolutely useless to talk to them about an increase of salaries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Library Bureau for supplying your Mint with one set of speed keeys for No. 3 Monarch typewriter, at a cost of $3.00.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 16th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Library Bureau to furnish your Mint with one Boston pencil pointer (style A) for the sum of $6.00, the lowest bid received.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I beg to advise you that the contract price for the No. 3 L. C. Smith & Bros., machine is $72. This machine has a 14½" carriage and writing line 12¼". The No. 6 L. C. Smith & Bros. Machine is $80, and has a 20½" carriage with writing line 18". Please advise the Bureau which you prefer, and the agent here will be informed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the New York Assay Office $1,000 worth of proof gold and 100 ounces of proof silver. Upon receipt of advice from you that the order is ready transfer will be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Greensburg Coal & Coke Company for supplying your Mint with approximately 3,500 tons of bituminous coal during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, at the rate of $3.24 per ton.

Upon the approval of the contract by the Secretary of the Treasury the certified check enclosed in your letter will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In exchange for the enclosed coin will you please send to the Bureau a nickel piece of this year's coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P. S. As this coin is desired to be used at the laying of a corner-stone I will be obliged if you will mail the piece by return mail. It is to be used on Thursday.

G. E. R.

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May 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In a letter of recent date prepared by Mr. Hewett prices were fixed for supplying four pieces of machinery which it was understood would be required to complete the equipment of the Mint exhibit at the Panama Pacific Exposition, the remainder of the equipment to be supplied by the Mint at San Francisco. Since this correspondence was had the Bureau has been advised by the Mint at San Francisco that the coin reviewing machine will be supplied from that institution. This leaves three pieces of equipment to be supplied, as follows:-

One upsetting machine	$827.42
One 6-foot balance	1600.00
One coin drying machine	850.00

I understand that the coin drying machine is not constructed at the Mint but purchased outside from a Laundry Machine Company. If this is so please give me the correct description of it, and address of the firm manufacturing it, together with any other information which the Bureau should have in ordering it.

Please proceed to construct the upsetting machine and the 6-foot balance, and have the same ready for shipment to

San Francisco at the earliest practicable date. It is desirable that shipment shall be made early enough to allow for its arrival in ample time for installation before the opening of the Panama Pacific Exposition in February, 1915.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

May 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after May 21st, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 58 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find, for your approval and return, payrolls for the first half of April; also voucher #567 for indication of capacity in which Adams (initials not legible) signs for M. P. Philpot & Co.

The matter of signatures might be made less burdensome if the Superintendent signed each voucher but once instead of twice. At New York and Denver the Superintendent signs the approval, the certificate being signed by some employee - Storekeeper, Head of Department, Chief Clerk - having personal knowledge of the receipt of supplies or performance of services. At San Francisco the Superintendent signs the certificate, the approval being left blank; the Auditor accepts the blanket approval of the Director, which is required on all accounts. In this connection it is requested that the approval blank on all travel vouchers be unused by you as these vouchers must all be approved by the Assistant Secretary.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

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Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 20th instant, and for the reasons given, you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following named firms for furnishing your Mint with supplies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, as follows:-

Ammonium Carbonate, "Keystone"	Shoemaker & Busch	$0.115	lb.
Acid, sulphuric, 66°	General Chemical Co.	.009	"
Castings, brass, 1st grade, (special)	Sheeler-Hensher Co.	.235	"
	Enterprise Mfg. Co.	.60	"
Castings, iron, special grade,	Enterprise Mfg. Co.	.05	"
Castings, iron, 1st grade,	Budd Grate & Foundry Co.	.025	"
Castings, iron, 3rd grade,	Budd Grate & Foundry Co.,	.021	"
Charcoal, pine, lump	John R. Rowand	.20	bu.
" " granulated	John R. Rowand per 100 lb.	2.50	
" " pulverized	John R. Rowand " 100 "	2.50	
" oak, granulated	John R. Rowand " 100 "	2.00	
Crucibles, sand, "L",	Shoemaker & Busch	.24	each
		Per 200	lbs.
Clay, fire No. 1,	Penna. Fire Brick Co.	1.20	
Fire Brick, No. 1	" " " "	45.00	per M.
" " No. 1	" " " "	45.00	" M.
Fire Brick, shape A, in sets of 4 pieces,	Boulter Mfg. Co. per set	.44	
Fire Brick, shape B,	Penna Fire Brick Co.	.15	each
" " " D,	" " " "	.70	"
" " " E,	" " " "	.20	"

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Fire Brick, shape F (cylinder)	Boulter Mfg. Co.,	$3.95 each
" " " E-1	" " "	.50 "
" " " E-2	" " "	1.50 "
" " " E-6	" " "	1.40 "
" " " E-7	" " "	.70 "
" " form 1,	" " "	.30 "
" " " 2,	" " "	.15 "
" " " 3,	" " "	.15 "
" " " 4,	" " "	.08 "
Gloves, chamois,	Emanuel H. Mierson	5.15 doz. prs.
Gloves, American buckskin,	J. H. Decker, Son & Co.	6.75 " "
Hauling, (ashes, etc.,)	Daniel J. Grugan	Per 87 cu. ft. 1.40
Ice, manufactured plate,	American Ice Co.	Per 100 lbs. .20
Lard, pure kettle rendered,	Armour & Co.	.12¾ lb.
Laundry, Towels	Excellent Laundry	.16 doz.
" Covers	" "	.16 "
Mitts, American buckskin,	J. H. Decker, Son & Co.	8.25 doz. prs.
Oil, cylinder	E. F. Houghton & Co.	.22 gal.
Oil, engine,	Atlantic Refining Co.	.13 "
Oil, machine,	E. F. Houghton & Co.	.15 "
Oil, rolling mill,	E. F. Houghton & Co.,	.17 "
Oil, mold,	Vacuum Oil Co.	.12 "
Polishing liquid,	Dazzle Manufacturing Co.	1.68 doz.
Rags, white,	George W. Gray	.10 lb.
Soap, white, floating	B. S. Babbitt, Inc.	3.00 per 100 c.
Soap, lava,	Shoemaker & Busch,	6.35 " "
" sapolio	" "	.75 doz.
Soap Bark	McIlvaine Bros.	.14 lb.

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Steel, die, Firth's	MacFarland & Little,	base,	$0.14½ lb.
Steel, machinery,	Horace T. Potts & Co.	"	.018 "
Steel, tool, "Sanderson's	Crucible Steel Co. of Amer.		.119
"Jessop's"	Edward L. Hand & Co.	base.	.16
Sweeping compound,	Van Horne Mfg. Co.		.014

Coal - - Greensburg C. & C. Co 3.24

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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May 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are advised that your ordinary account current for the March quarter has been amended in the Bureau to include charges on Post Office Dies manufactured, $120.00, as per letter of advice dated March 9, 1914.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In regard to the telephone conversation of this morning I have arranged for the scale repairer of the Denver Mint to go to San Francisco.

Will it suit your convenience to have the annuel settlement begin on Monday, June 15th? If so please shape your operations so as to clwar up the metal as well as possible. Can you spare Mr. Sauder to assist in the settlement at New York, and would it be agreeable to him to be so detailed.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Committee on Labor, House of Representatives, has submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his opinion a bill to regulate the hours of labor in the United States Government service, the provisions of which would (1) forbid the employment of any laborer, mechanic or other workman more than eight hours in any one calendar or more than forty-eight hours in any one week, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, by which is meant any sudden, unexpected happening demanding prompt action to avert imminent danger to life, limb, health or property, and (2) that where overtime under such conditions is made it should be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the regular compensation. A statement is requested from you about the probable effect of such an act upon the operations of your institution, and you are requested to give an opinion as to whether or not it would increase your operating expenses, and if so to what extent.

Please give a statement of the amount paid for overtime during the last fiscal year, and the number of people so employed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Wednesday, May 27th please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of 56 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26. 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account against the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago for 10 counting boards furnished in March has been settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, settlement #38582 dated May 25, 1914, crediting your appropriations as follows;

Wages of Workmen, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 102.81
Contingent Expenses, 1914 - - - - - - - - - -	67.25
	$ 170.06

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau if at any time the letter "R" or "F" appeared upon the dime piece separately, possibly as the initial of the engraver, or on any other account.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please refer to my letter of the 7th inst. concerning unused equipment at the New Orleans Mint. It is desired, if possible, to dispose of the articles in question before the end of the present fiscal year and to that end would request early information as to whether any can be profitably used by you.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th instant relative to the appointment of Mr. David R. Highley is at hand. In view of the circumstances it seems best for you to return the three certifications received and to make no appointment at present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Globe-Wernicke Company to furnish your Mint with one 4-drawer card index cabinet at a cost of $11.25.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 29th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Mr. Henry Chapman to supply your Mint with the following volumes:

1. Corolla Numismatica, Essays in Honor of Barclay V. Head, London, 1906, ------$6.50

2. Priced Catalogue of the Charles Steigerwalt Sale of American Coins, May 12 - 16, 1913, $2.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 29th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Oldach Company to bind into 29 volumes books, pamphlets and periodicals for the library of your Numismatic Collection at a cost of $25.70, this being the lower of two bids received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 29th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of John Wanamaker for supplying your Mint with one dozen waste baskets at a cost of $13.00, this being the most advantageous bid received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise me if it will be convenient for you to spare Mr. Chester W. Ziegler to assist in the settlement at New York which will begin on the 15th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, June 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

At the close of the present fiscal year you are requested to prepare and forward, as early as practicable, your report of operations for the entire year, to enable me to compile the data as published in my last report, (page 55).

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon reference to the printed reports of the Director of the Mint, previous to the establishment of this Bureau, I notice that the Mint at Philadelphia published, by States, the source of all deposits received, but in the case of the branch Mints at Charlotte, Dahlonega, and New Orleans, the total deposits only were published.

I would like to obtain the source of the deposits at Charlotte, Dahlonega, and New Orleans during the calendar years 1838 to 1847 inclusive, to complete the table published on page 231 of my report for 1912.

During 1850 there was reported a receipt of gold valued at $204,780 deposited at Dahlonega as the product from Tennessee. I believe that this amount was an error and I would like to have you look it up in order to enable us to make the above mentioned table as correct as possible.

I would be gratified if you can give me any figures regarding the silver deposits by States, previous to 1873.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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The records in Phila do not show any information [illegible] above

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June 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses for the month of June has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - -	$ 3,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - -	11,000
Contingent Expenses - - - -	6,000
	$22,000

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

For the enclosed $2.50 will you please send to the Bureau by ordinary mail one Washington Presidential Medal and one Great Seal Medal in bronze.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise Mr. Ziegler that the settlement at New York will commence on Thursday morning the 18th instant instead of on the 15th instant as heretofore stated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you have the negative or the ingot casting set which appears opposite page 29 of the Report for 1913 will you please send a photograph to the Bureau. I would also like a print of the illustration which appears opposite page 76 of the Report for 1902 if you still have the negative.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant you are hereby authorized to sell extra ribbon to the recipients of badges in sufficient quantity to replace worn or damaged ribbon, at a rate sufficient to fully cover the cost.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant you are hereby authorized to pay the estate of Theodore J. Bell, who died May 27th, for sixteen days absence on account of illness.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill against the San Francisco Mint for automatic weighing machine parts shipped March 20 and April 18 last, $98.14, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be reimbursed as per notation on face of voucher.

Under date of May 26 San Francisco acknowledged receipt of ten basket discharge guards.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning bond of the Rumsey Electric Co. and in connection with your request for authority to issue duplicate check invite attention to instructions opposite check marks in right hand margin of first page, which should be complied with.

Treasury Department Circular #47 of 1908 authorizes the issue of duplicate checks for less than $50.00 after 30 days from date of original issue, therefore the six months limitation of these instructions is not effective in this case.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

June 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 8th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of James J. Quigley & Son, in amount $115.00, the lower of two bids received, for furnishing your Mint with 24 sheet iron hoods for the melting furnaces.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be manufactured and sent to the Mint at San Francisco, in connection with other equipment now being built at your institution for use at the Panama Pacific Exposition, one single arm strip shear. It is understood that the approximate cost will be $250. Your appropriations will be reimbursed from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 8th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Solas Company, amounting to $5,500, for the installation of one complete apparatus with piping, valves, burners, etc., (estimate "A"); and you are further authorized to accept the proposal covered by estimate "B", amounting to $4,000, the latter part of the month, provided there remains a sufficient amount in the contingent appropriation of your Mint for the current fiscal year. It is understood that the "Solas" apparatus is to be installed for the purpose of effecting a more economical use of gas in melting metals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver, Colorado, twelve pairs each of dime and one cent coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

June 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the following amounts:-

On account of the profits on subsidiary coinage during the month of May ----- $137,539.31

On account of the profits on minor coiange during the month of May ----- 146,000.00

The bullion fund and the minor coin account of your mint will be increased in the amounts above respectively.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request I have this day caused to be forwarded to you one copy of the Official Register for 1913.

Respectfully,

Fr E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 11, 1914.

O Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Settlement will commence fifteenth. Hassan in charge.

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OIAL BUSINESS.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

June 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an order addressed to you by the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office for anode bags, asbestos and canvas gloves. Will you please advise the Bureau of the approximate cost of the articles ordered, and also forward information as to the approximate cost of any other orders placed by other institutions of our service in order that encumbrances may be set up. See letter of September 26, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram, sent you this day, is hereby confirmed:-

"Settlement will commence fifteenth. Hassam in charge."

Your recommendation that the coining department be shut down from June 15th to July 11th inclusive is approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In connection with your May disbursing account, please forward accepted quotations covering vouchers #595 favor Henry Chapman, and #615 favor Burroughs Adding Machine Co., which are unsupported. The adding machine purchased is not on the General Supply Committee contract.

Please explain voucher #650 favor Louis J. Meyer for gold plating 10 life saving medals at 25¢ each. The low price and purpose of the expenditure are not understood.

Voucher #645, favor Littaur Brothers, is forwarded herewith for correct certification and return. Signature of person signing for the firm is not given.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 12th instant you are hereby authorized to turn over to the Curator, for exhibition purposes, the small amounts of platinum and palladium you have on hand. It is understood that the quantity of each is less than an ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. for transportation of envelopes from Rockville to your institution March 31, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 53¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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June 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Sir:

The specimen medal of resident Wilson, submitted some months ago, has been mislaid, and I have been requested by the Secretary's Office to procure another electrotype or copy of the proposed medal. Please ask the Engraver to comply with this request at his convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant relative to allowance of leave to an employee who had been absent on account of accidental injury, I beg to say that the full time of 30 days may be allowed for the calendar year.

On the assumption that Mr. Bartholomew is to remain in the service throughout the balance of the calendar year he may be allowed 15 days vacation from July 1st.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau, for use in the Department, a copy in bronze of each of the following medals, for which a receipt will be sent to you:

Army.

No. 23. Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Buena Vista.
24 Maj. Gen. Scott, for battles in Mexico.
25 Maj. Gen. Grant
27 Maj. Gen. Scott: (Commonwealth of Virginia).

Navy.

No. 21 Capt. Ingraham
32 Departure of American Fleet

Miscellaneous.

No. 15 Cyrus W. Field
27 Joseph Francis

Please send the above medals by ordinary mail, in more than one package if necessary, at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your recent purchase of an ENSIGN CALCULATING MACHINE will you please advise the Bureau if your experience so far with this machine has been satisfactory. The Bureau has been requested by another branch of the service to obtain an expression of opinion from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for settlement your bullion account for the quarter ended March 31, 1914, with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

B.

June 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 20, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Authority granted to accept bid of Walker Brothers and Haviland.

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

IAL BUSINESS.
VERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"Authority granted to accept bid of
Walker Brothers and Haviland."

This authority is to cover the purchase of the following cable, for the sum of $325.23, the lowest of three bids received:

272 ft. 375,000 circular mills stranded cable.
476 ft. 350,000 " " " "

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the inquiries from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry it is suggested that you fill out the blanks for information relative to the number of employes, wages, hours of labor, etc., etc., but I would call the attention of the Department of Labor and Industry yo yhr fact that the production of the mint is of a character not to be classified with other manufacturers, and that, therefore, no return relative thereto has been made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant relative to requisition for dies for the Denver Mint I beg to say that it will not be necessary to recall the employes of the engraving department to fill this order. The Superintendent at Denver has been advised that his requisition will be honor as soon as practicable after the resumption of operations at your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a receipt for the medals forwarded by you on the 19th instant, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1914.

Hon. John Skelton Williams,
Comptroller of the Currency.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the following medals lent by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Treasury Department:

Maj. Gen. Taylor, for Buena Vista.
Maj. Gen. Scott for battles in Mexico.
Maj. Gen. Grant.
Maj. Gen. Scott (Commonwealth of Virginia).

Capt. Ingraham
Departure of American Fleet

Cyrus W. Field
Joseph Francis.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Received the above.

J. Skelton Williams

Comptroller of the Currency.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

June 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On May 6th last I wrote to you in regard to an invention for the production of superheating the precious metals which had been developed by Dr. Cottrell of Anglesea, Cape May County, New Jersey, and suggesting that you refer the matter to Mr. Coleman for investigation. I beg to inquire whether anything was ever done about it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letter I beg to advise you that the Postmaster General has been advised that the Mint is closed down for the annual settlement, and the orders for the dies cannot be executed until the resumption of business about the middle of July.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Chairman of the settlement committee reports that the sweeps forwarded from the St. Louis Assay Office at the time that office was closed have never been disposed of, but are now in the Mint. These sweeps should be reduced and sold and the proceeds turned into the Treasury in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 22nd instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Mr. W. Irwin Cheyney, amount to $712. to supply your Mint with three electrically driven exhaust fans, 48" in diameter, similar to the ones purchased about a year ago; payment to be made from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 24th instant I have this day placed an order with the agent of the Burroughs Adding Machine for a type No. 124, at $272.72 with the additional equipment of an electric motor for operating at a cost of $68.18, making a total of $340.90. The agent in Washington will cause the sale to be made through the representative of the Company in your city who will receive the commission. By placing the order here, with the representative of the Company who handles all of the Government business the delivery of the machine will be expedited.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York desires to purchase a cadmium rod cutting machine similar to the one which was made in the machine shop of your Mint for your Assay Department. Will you please advise Mr. Kingsford directly of the cost of building such a machine, notifying him in time to have the order placed during the current month. Mr. Kingsford will be advised that you will communicate directly with him, and he will be given authority to place the order if it is found that he has sufficient funds remaining in this year's appropriation. Please note the necessity of acting as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 30, 1914.

Sir:

Referring to the letter forwarded to you yesterday giving the list of awards made for graphite goods to be supplied our institutions during the fiscal year 1915, the No. 80 crucible to be supplied by Gautier & Co. is the "Denver Specification" crucible at ~~$2.64~~ $2.64 each.

Joseph Dixon & Co. have the award for the No. 80 "Specification" crucible at $2.82.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 25th instant you are authorized to allow the clerks to begin work at 8 O'clock on Saturday during the months of July August and September so that the mint can be closed at 12 o'clock.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I beg to advise you that the cost of replacing the worn fire hose in the Mint is a proper charge against the appropriation under the control of the Supervising Architect, and your letter has been forwarded to that officer with my approval.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

June 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 26th instant; you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the United Engineering & Foundry Co., amounting to $613.00, for supplying your institution with three pairs of 16" x 16" chilled cast iron rolls for use in the large rolling mills in the minor coinage plant; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The two barrels of sweeps now on hand and received from the St. Louis Assay Office should be worked separately and the proceeds disposed of independently. After deducting the cost of working the same the remainder should be turned into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt on account of the St. Louis Office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1914.

Sir:

The following are the successful bidders for supplying your institution with graphite goods for the fiscal year 1915. You are requested to address these firms direct when in need of any of the articles enumerated. The prices include delivery to your institution. The acceptances are subject to the understanding that if the goods delivered fail to give satisfactory service the agreement may be terminated by the Government as to the articles of that class:

J. H. GAUTIER & Co.
Jersey City, N. J.

CRUCIBLES

Nos.		
150		$4.54
80		2.64
70	special	2.64
35	bottom pouring	1.45
35	regular	1.30
14		.45
12		.41
10		.38

COVERS

45	.34
40	.30
30	.25
12	.12
6	.06

DIPPING CUPS

No. 2	.24

SKIMMING CUPS

No. 1 ——— $0.22

RINGS.

4" ——— $0.50

HORNS. ——— .54

JOSEPH DIXON CRUCIBLE CO.,
1020 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

CRUCIBLES.

Nos.	
100	$3.38
80	2.82
"specification"	
70 regular	2.50
50	1.85
45	1.58
40	1.47
30	1.08
20	.75
8	.35
6	.33

COVERS.

150	.88
100	.63
80 "special"	.57
80 "special" Denver	.57
80 ring handle	.57
70 "special"	.51
70 "regular	.44
50	.37
20	.18
22"	$3.38

DIPPING CURS

No. 1	.25
3	.25
4	.31
1 "special"	.29
5 extra"	.35

RINGS.

2"	.28
2" for 70 special	.25

SILVERWARE

Round	$0.75
Spoon	.26
"$"	.18
8"	.17
15"	.25
Straight	.22
Bell Cup	.75

R. B. SEIDEL, Inc.,
1322 - 24 Callowhill St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

CRUCIBLES.

No. 70 Special Philadelphia, Each.
4" ring made part of ——— $3.20

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1914.

Sir:

Referring to the letter forwarded to you yesterday giving the list of awards made for graphite goods to be supplied our institutions during the fiscal year 1915, the No. 80 crucible to be supplied by Gautier & Co. is the "Denver Specification" crucible at ~~$2.64~~ $2.64 each.

Joseph Dixon & Co. have the award for the No. 80 "Specification" crucible at $2.82.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 30, 1914, forwarding contracts (26) for the fiscal year 1915. The contracts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed with the Auditor for the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Geo. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:

Certified Check
Greensburg Coal & Coke Co.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 2, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint, Denver, Colorado
" " Philadelphia, Pa.

Until new express contract is made United States Express Company will continue to handle shipments under existing contract. Deliver to Wells Fargo Express Company, their agents, until further advised.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

July 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 30th ultimo you are advised that the Burroughs adding machines purchased for you (the particular styles) were not included in the Government contract but were purchased at the price quoted to the General Supply Committee. As these unaccepted quotations have no standing before the Auditors the Burroughs Co. have been requested to send a quotation to the Bureau covering the machine purchased in March and one to you covering the machine purchased in June. Please forward a copy of the order to support voucher #615.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

July 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I see the name of the new superintendent of your institution has gone to the Senate. I suggest that everything be held in statue quo, and under seal until the settlement committee resumes its task in order to make the transfer with as little additional labor as may be practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 Contingent appropriation:

War Dept., for ribbon recd. by you Apr. 7, May 21 and May 25, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - $36.00

U. S. Express Co., for bullion accts. shipped April 29 and soap powder samples shipped May 25, 1914 - - - - - - - .78

Your account against the New York Assay Office for anode bags and gloves shipped June 17th has also been forwarded for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as indicated on face of voucher, $131.12.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with a recommendation made to the Secretary's Office, and which he approved, I am enclosing authority for Mr. Coleman to make an inspection of Dr. Cottrell's invention for a gas and air-mixing device, in order to determine whether it has any special merits which would make it desirable for use in connection with the operations of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Before the transfer to your successor is begun I think it advisable to have the unrefined gold and silver bullion on hand in the institution transferred to the U. S. Assay Office at New York to be refined. It will simplify the settlement and the transfer to have this done. Accordingly, will you please have an invoice prepared covering all of this bullion in stocked and forward to the Bureau as soon as practicable in order that the transfer may be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a gold coin of the following description, with the request for information as to its numismatic value;

It is a coin of the United Provinces and closely corresponds with the description of the double Ducat given on page 456 of the Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection, No. 23. The date of the coin is 1807. Will you please advise me if possible of the numismatic value of the piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

The coin is in good condition.
G.E.R.

July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the bid of James Clendenin for supplying your Mint with 150,000 pounds of low-bridge electrolytic copper at the rate of 13-3/4 cents per pound, and the offer of the U. S. Smelting Works for supplying your Mint with 20,000 pounds of slab zinc at the rate of 5.20¢ per pound. It is understood that the bid of the U. S. Smelting Works is the lowest on the particular brand of zinc required for your operations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 10, 1914.

TO Superintendent, Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

You are authorized to break seals on vaults

B and D.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
(The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.)
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of even date the following telegram sent to you in reply is hereby confirmed:

"You are authorized to break seals on vaults B and D."

Replying to your request that New York should be instructed to forward the necessary kegs for making the shipment of bullion to them, will you please communicate directly with the Superintendent of that institution, informing him of the number of kegs that will be required. The Superintendent at New York will be advised of this authority.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Bureau letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the treatment of sweeps from the St. Louis Assay Office, I beg to say that the letter was in error in stating that the cost of treatment should be deducted from the proceeds before turning in the remainder to the Treasury. The entire proceeds must be turned in to the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that the contract with the Vacuum Oil Company for supplying your Mint with mold oil during the fiscal year 1915 has been duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and filed with the Auditor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1914.

Mr. T. L. Comparetta,
Curator, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant I beg to say that the new edition of the large catalogue is now ready, the Superintendent of Documents advising the Bureau that he has about 800 copies prepared. Please advise the Bureau of the number of copies you desire at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Requisition for funds to meet your payroll for the first half of July has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia, 1915	- - -	- - -	$ 3,000
Wages of Workmen	do	- - -	12,500
		Total - - -	$15,500

Until final passage of the appropriation law for the current fiscal year additional funds will be advanced without your making formal request therefor.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

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, July 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to letter of June 2nd, requesting you to forward your report of operations for the fiscal year 1914, it should have stated as follows: "to enable me to compile the data as published in my last report, up to and including page 55, so far as relates to your mint."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please let me know what persons in the Mint it will be practicable to assign to the count and transfer in turning over the institution to the new superintendent. I do not think it will be practicable to spare anybody from the Bureau for this transfer, although Colonel Bowen may go. The incoming Superintendent will be allowed to have one representative on the committee and you may name one for yourself. The committee will need a number of laborers to assist it and I would like to know how many can be spared from your force for this purpose. I presume you will make the selection of your personal representative from some one of the regular employes of the Mint. Please let me know who it will be.

It is desirable that the transfer may proceed with as little interruption to the regular operations of the Mint as may be practicable. I presume that it will be more convenient to have a small settlement force than a large one, although a small force will necessarily require a longer time for the work. I am inclined to think that in my talk over the telephone this afternoon I set the too early
day for beginning operations/in naming Monday next. I do not think the committee can get to work before Monday next and a couple of days may be necessary before operations are begun. I suggest that if you have not already sent out notices you wait until Thursday and then confer with the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Nothing can be done about the transfer of unrefined bullion to the New York Office at present. You will be advised as soon as practicable when to make the shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The legislative bill carrying the Mint appropriations has passed and will go into effect on the 16th instant. I believe you are informed as to the changes it makes in the present organization.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

After deliberating over the matter fully I have reached the conclusion that we will start the Mint on Monday morning, July 20th. Please notify the employes of this fact. I understand that their leave will cover absence up to that time. Start up upon bronze coin only.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 15, 1914.

To

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Promotion Miss Randall to fourteen hundred dollars per annum approved effective date oath.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

2—6527

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me of the purpose for making a shipment of gold bullion from Seattle to your institution, weight of package 14½ ounces, value $206.00, received by you June 9, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Penna. R. R. Co. for transportation of envelopes from Rockville May 19, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of 65¢.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Thursday, July 16th please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of $0.55 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

An examination of the Bureau records shows that you have on hand a very large number of small bars of crude bullion. In order to lessen the work in the coming transfer I would thank you to proceed as rapidly as possible to mass-melt all bars of crude bullion now on hand weighing less than 300 ounces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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July 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of yesterday regarding the opening of vaults now under the seal of the last settlement committee:- I am expecting to be at the Mint on Monday morning to inaugurate the settlement for the transfer of the institution to Mr. Joyce and you need not open any of the sealed vaults before I arrive.

Respectfully,

L. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1914.

Dear Mr. Landis:

Mr. Joyce's commission has been signed by the President and blank form of bond was forwarded to him to-day for execution. Upon its return and approval by the Secretary Mr. Joyce will be advised by wire to take the oath of office. This will probably be Monday. I expect, however, to be with you before the time for Mr. Joyce to take the oath.

Respectfully,

A. D. Storey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the remainder of July and during August has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia,		1915 - - - -	$ 9,000
Wages of Workmen	do	1915 - - - -	37,500
Contingent Expenses	do	1915 - - - -	11,000
do	do	1914 - - - -	6,000
			$63,500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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July 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Minister of the Republic of Costa Rica has submitted a request through the State Department for the coinage at your institution of 150,000 ten centimo and 500,000 five centimo silver pieces for which 23,380.20 ounces of fine silver have been delivered. The Minister requests in his letter that silver in excess of the amount required for the above coins shall also be coined.

You are authorized and directed to proceed with this coinage as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Tuesday, July 21st please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of fifty-four cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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July 21, 1914.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the heads of all Bureaus and offices in his Department to prepare and submit the annual estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, not later than August 20, 1914. This is earlier than they have been asked for before, and in order that this Bureau may meet this requirement you are requested to immediately prepare your estimates and to forward them in time to reach the Mint Bureau not later than August 10, 1914.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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July 21, 1914.

Sir:

Section 10 of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill requires that "There shall be submitted hereafter, in the Annual Book of Estimates following every estimate for a general or lump sum appropriation * * * a statement showing in parallel columns:-

> "First, the number pf persons * * * intended to be employed and the rates of compensation to each, and the amounts contemplated to be expended for each of any other objects or classes of expenditures specified or contemplated in the estimates * * *."
>
> "Second, the number of persons * * * employed and the rate of compensation paid each, and the amount expended for each other object or class of expenditure * * * out of the appropriation corresponding to the estimate so submitted during the completed fiscal year next preceding the period for which the estimate is submitted."

The above provisions apply to our appropriations for "Wages" and for "Contingent Expenses". In order to meet the requirements please make up statements in the following forms:-

Wages.

Employees, 1916.			Employees 1914.		
No.	Rate of Pay (per annum)	Total	No.	Rate of Pay. (per annum)	Total.
10	$1,000	$10,000	9	$1,000	$9,000
5	900	4,500	6	900	5,400
2	720	1,440	3	720	2,160
	(per diem)			(per diem)	
10	4.00	12,520	15	4.00	18,780
5	3.50	5,477.50	10	3.50	10,955

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Contingent

Object or class of expenditure	Estimates for 1916	Expended in 1914.
Non personal services. (Transportation, laundry, telephone, etc.,)	$5,000.00	$4,000.00
Wastage	3,000.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous: Materials & Supplies. (Graphite goods, hardware, chemicals, electricity, fuel, etc.,)	25,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment & Parts	35,000.00	32,000.00
	68,000.00	58,500.00

Please cause statements similar to above to accompany your estimates of appropriations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten reverse double eagle dies.

Respectfully,

Geo. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN?

Washington,

July 24, 1914

. P. Dewey
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sheetz services not available for week or more.

Director.

BUSINESS,
RATES,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATIONS FOR

The name of station from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8166.

July 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the compensation of your representative during the period of his employment I beg to say that he should be paid from the appropriation for "Wages" 1915.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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July 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the monthly report of Absence and Efficiency I beg to advise you that in future it will not be necessary to add the efficiency rating in conduct or workmanship for the following officers. The time should be reported as usual.-

The Chief Clerk.
The Superintendent of Melting & Refining.
The Asst. " " "
The Superintendent of the Coining Department.
The Assistant Assayer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are advised that Mr. Landis' unexpended balance of minor coinage profits disbursing account, $672.00, included with other items making up C/D #199 of July 20th, has been covered into the Treasury as Miscellaneous Receipts - Seigniorage on Minor Coinage, and should be so treated in rendition of Mr. Landis' accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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July 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau a duplicate of the set of medals recently sent to the Department, for which the receipt of the Comptroller of the Currency was sent to you. The medals now requested are for the Secretary's desk, and are to be carried as lent to the Department. A receipt will be forwarded to you for the medals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Wednesday, the 29th instant, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of fifty-two cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Department wishes to know how many bags of gold coin of $5,000 each are placed in a keg for shipment, and also, the weight of the keg. Perhaps you had better give us also the weight of the keg packed ready for shipment. Is it customary to ship gold coin in kegs, and were the last shipments from the Mint to the Sub-Treasury, New York, sent in kegs? Please call the Bureau the first thing to-morrow morning and give this information.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Government of Costa Rica has arranged for the coinage of 200,000 50 centavo pieces for which silver will be delivered in a few days. Please receive the same. This is additional to the coinage of which you were recently notified. It is desired that you get to this silver coinage as soon as practicable. Please advise the Bureau as to your convenience in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1914.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of eight medals, forwarded by you in accordance with your letter of the 28th instant, for the use of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant you are advised that my letter of the 29th instant was sufficient authority for the execution of the Costa Rican coinage referred to.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 75.4 grams of cornets for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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August 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 31st ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Gimbel Brothers for supplying your Mint with 2,000 yards of 4/4 Pequot muslin at 9 cents per yard.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the number of tags, like the enclosed sample, that you will require. They will have to be supplied through the Division of Printing and Stationery, and the order will be expedited as much as possible. How many have you on hand at present?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH.

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August 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice of a thousand dollars' worth of proof gold for the Mint at San Francisco, in order that a request may be made for a transfer order.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith copies of the May cost reports with comments thereon, also comments on your report.

Taken as a whole the work of installation, which has been trying to all concerned, appears to have been well done and it is desired to express appreciation of the efforts of those having the work in charge.

Doubtless with added experience the reports for July and subsequent months will be brought into complete conformity with the new plan.

Please have future reports carry, in the deposit melting room statistics, both gross and fine ounces and unit costs.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

If you have not already heard of our attempts to establish a cost system you probably will, with various comments more or less emphatic. I am not prepared to say that the system, as at present developed, is the last word on the subject. In fact, I have no doubt it can be simplified; but I am convinced that the only way any system can be developed and perfected is by practical use, with the adoption of such improvements as may be suggested in the several institutions from time to time. I am sure that the Mint Service ought to maintain a cost system which will enable it to show what the various divisions of its services are costing. A great deal of conscientious work has been done upon the subject, and what we now need is interested co-operation on all sides instead of critical opposition.

The work of the Engraving Department is confessedly difficult to divide and classify, but I think it can be done with sufficient accuracy to answer all practical purposes. We should be able to determine the average cost of dies of the several denominations and of the master dies and hubs when they are made. I am enclosing herewith a memorandum relative to the application of the system in the Engraving Department which I wish you would look over and have Mr.

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Barber read. After you have talked over the subject with Mr. Barber I would like to have your suggestion in regard to it.

I do not consider it at all necessary that the head of a Department, like the Engraver or the Assayer, should scrupulously keep a record of his time showing every change he makes from one kind of work to another, but it does not seem to me impracticable for him to make a fair estimate at the end of each day of the amount of time expended upon some new task, and the amount that has been devoted to his various supervisory duties. All of the latter can be apportioned on the basis of the output of his Department, but I think some estimate should be made of the amount devoted to new work.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

With reference to the operation of the cost system in the Engraving Department - It is not considered equitable to charge dies with the expense of making new designs of either coins or medals. It is also desirable that the cost of new designs (each separately) be known. In order to accomplish these results it will be necessary for those who work on the designs to report the time expended thereon; in the case of the Engraver, whose duties are in part supervisory, it would not be necessary to keep a record for each shift of duty, but at the end of each day he should be able to give a fair approximation of the time spent on specific designs, etc., and report the remainder of his time as supervisory, which latter would be distributed over the general work of the Department.

As to determining the cost of dies by denominations, it is confidently believed that no serious difficulties should be encountered because, after the steel rods are cut up into blocks, the blocks are shaped differently for each denomination and are not thereafter interchangeable. It was planned to state monthly the expense of making master dies, working dies, etc., without considering the number of dies until the end of the year when the average cost would be figured for each denomination.

In planning the cost work for the Engraving Department (including the Medal Shop) careful consideration was given to the various details and assurance is felt that if the plans are followed the results will prove equally satisfactory to the Engraver and to all concerned.

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August 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, ten pairs of Quarter Dollar dies.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has received an inquiry from the Bureau of Navigation relative to the Medals of Honor which have been ordered from your Institution. Will you please advise the Bureau upon receipt of this letter of the date upon which the medals will be ready. The Bureau of Navigation states that the matter is urgent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two lists of prices to be paid by the Department for coin bags under the contracts for 1915, for your information and guidance in ordering bags.

The contract for the Porter Safety Seals is included in the General Supply Schedule, a copy of which was sent you some days ago. Please refer to item 1498 of the Schedule for the rates.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Dewey advises me that a start has been made on the count of silver dollars and that more laborers can be used to advantage. I am advised by the Civil Service Commission that an unclassified laborers list exists at Philadelphia and the necessary course for obtaining such help will be for you to make application to the District Secretary at Philadelphia who will submit a list of names. As it will require some little time to secure this list and to make the selections therefrom, it would be well for you to send in your request at once. Please confer with Mr. Dewey as to the number to be appointed at once. It may be advisable to add to the force gradually as the men are broken in and organized. You should have some information about the character of the persons appointed, and it will be well for you to have references and to use the references. I would also suggest that each of these temporary employees be placed under a bond of say - $1,000.

It is apparent that this count, if conducted in the most expeditious manner, is bound to involve a heavy expense, and it is highly important that able-bodied effective laborers be selected for the work. I desire also to urge upon you the importance of carrying the work along with the utmost facility and expedition. Unless you watch the force, and give the matter your personal attention the work will almost certainly drag, and be

prolonged beyond what is necessary or reasonable. I hope you will impress upon your personal representatives that it is your wish that this count be pushed along in a businesslike and effective manner.

All of the temporary employees who are engaged upon this count must be paid from the Mint appropriation for the wages of workmen, and unless the work is conducted in the most expeditious manner possible you will be embarrassed before the close of the fiscal year by a lack of money to meet the pay roll of your regular force, and it may be necessary to shut down the Mint and furlough the employees; - something, of course, which we would all like to avoid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Thursday, the 6th instant, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of fifty-one and one-half cents per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. August 6, 1914.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
" Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" " Mint " New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.

Amending message of ~~sixth~~ fifth from and after this day pay
silver in gold deposits at fifty one cents per ounce.

Director.

AL BUSINESS.
MENT MATTER.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Aug. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has been requested to send you description of a tool forge which is not needed at that institution but which is in good condition. If you find that it will be a desirable addition to your equipment please advise me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Mint Bureau

Washington,

August 6, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
" Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, Mint New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.

Half mast flag tomorrow and until after funeral of Mrs. Wilson.

Director.

SPECIAL BUSINESS. GOVERNMENT RATES. Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for Mint

Corr. Mr. Mint Bureau 1915.

The appropriation from which payable will be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the deposit in the Treasury of the sum of $61,621.93 on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin during the month of July, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please get ready immediately for shipment all of the purchased silver bars in your institution, and let me know by telephone in the morning what other refined silver you have that can be temporarily spared. This would include all of your half dollar ingots and any large size silver bars of your own manufacture.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 11, 1914.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Bureau a list of the employes of your institution, giving the name, designation and compensation of each, and showing the department in which each is employed. This list of your organization is to be regarded as an amendment to the list sent by you in March, 1913.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco the following coinage dies:-

Ten pairs double eagle dies.
Fifteen pairs half dollar dies.
Ten pairs one cent dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, August 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith mint receipts Nos. 2988 and 3875 for correction as follows:- Department Circular #52, 1903, states:- "If the payee be a partnership, the receipt to the voucher should be signed in the usual firm signature. The receipt should be in the company name, followed by the autograph signature of the officer (with his title) authorized to receive the money and receipt therefor."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Night Message.

Washington,

August 11, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Denver, Colorado.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " New Orleans, La.
Assayer in Charge " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Seattle, Wash.
Superintendent Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

On and after Wednesday twelvth instant pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-two cents per ounce.

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2198.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Amended Aug 13

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 12, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Receive from following named firms approximate amounts silver, purchased eleventh instant.
Pay fifty-two cents fine ounce:

United States Metals Refining Co., sisty-six thousand ounces.
American Metals Co., one hundred thousand ounces
United Metals Selling Co., one hundred sixteen thousand ounces.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded by you to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant relative to Costa Rican coinage, I beg to advise you that the National City Bank, New York City, will receive this coin. Please notify the bank that it is ready for delivery and request shipping instructions from them.

The charge for this coinage will be the same as that for previous coinage of the same denominations of Costa Rican coin, namely $3.00 per thousand pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 13, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 12th instant is hereby confirmed:-

"Receive from the following named firms approximate amounts silver, purchased eleventh instant: Pay fifty-two cents fine ounce.
United States Metals Refining Co., sisty-six thousand ounces.
American Metals Company one hundred thousand ounces.
United Methls Selling Company, one hundred sixteen thousand ozs."

The above telegram is hereby amended, and you are instructed to receive from the United States Metals Refining Company one hundred thousand ounces of fine silver instead of sisty-six thousand ounces as above. The amounts to be delivered by the two last named firms in telegram will remain the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 14, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to accept silver at fifty-two cents ounce thousand fine.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—8827

August 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the offer of William H. Hoskins Company for furnishing your Mint with one gross of German silver thumb tacks with beveled heads 1/2" in diameter, for $1.50.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith an application from one Peter J. Mulvaney, a metal pressman in the mail lock shop, Post Office Department, who would like to be transferred to your institution. Also please note the endorsement of his Congressman, Mr. Kennedy of Connecticut. I have called up the Mail Lock shop and talked with the foreman about Mr. Mulvaney and he gives a very good account of him as a workman. I judge that Mr. Mulvaney would work in very readily in the Coining Department, and as your force of workmen is low I think it would be a good idea for you to take him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Aug. 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under date of August 7th you advised the Bureau that you had on hand Minor Coinage Profits amounting to $62,621.93. This apparently includes the sum of $672.00, Mr. Landis' checking balance of the distribution account, which sum was covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt as per letter to you dated July 27, 1914. Please inform me as to your manner of treatment of this item.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you by express 12-1/8 lbs. of bullion representing the special assay coins received at this Bureau during the period ending June 30, 1914, and would thank you to state the value of the shipment so that it may be properly divided among the three institutions.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to advise you that the mitts for the San Francisco Mint should go forward to that institution on Government bill of lading by freight.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has been advised by the acting representative, Treasury Department, of the Government Exhibit Board, Panama Pacific Exposition, that the Board has temporarily suspended the taking of moving pictures under its agreement with Mr. L. S. Williams of Pathe-Freres. If any parts of the service under your charge are at present being photographed by Mr. Williams, please cause the work to be suspended until further notice.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten nickel coin collars for medium ring.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 18th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the bid of James Clendenin for furnishing your Mint with 200,000 pounds of "BER" copper, cast in low bridge ingots, at the rate of $0.13 per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Aug. 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bill against the Denver Mint for six double eagle coin collars furnished them July 27, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notation on face of voucher, in the total sum of $167.25.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. John Sexton who conducted an investigation some months ago of the earlier records of the Mint, partly on his own account, and later under a temporary clerical appointment. I do not know what value his investigations may have, but have thought that if his work resulted in bringing any of that early data into more accessible shape it was worth while to allow him to continue without expense to the Government.

My impression is that Mr. Sexton carried away a part of the data which he had gathered, for the purpose of doing some more work upon it.

Will you please answer his letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant relative to the automatic weighing machines now ready for inspection and test by the Committee from the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer has been advised that the machines await inspection and he has informed the Bureau that the committee will visit the Mint in about two weeks for the purpose of conducting a final test.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Denver to that of your Mint of the sum of $368.90 on account of the value of special assay coins forwarded to this Bureau by the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at San Francisco to that of your institution of the sum of $1,129.20, the value of special assay coins forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1914.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

I received your letter relative to the appointment of ten laborers to assist in the settlement count, and note what you say about making their pay $3.00 per diem. I have given the letter to Dr. Dewey and asked him to look over the situation and talk with you about it. I am very desirous of cooperating with you fully in an efficient, economical and businesslike administration of the Mint. I have been willing to accede to your wish to select these temporary employes without going to the Civil Service list. I do not want to quibble about their compensation if you will give us the right kind of men, but I am anxious that you shall appreciate the importance of pushing this settlement with the greatest possible expedition. It will surely drag unless you take a lively interest in it. All of these temporary people will have a personal interest in making it last as long as possible, and the higher their pay the greater their interest will be. In view of the limited amount of your appropriation available for the current year, I trust you will see the necessity of making the burden of this settlement as light as possible. When your fund of $300,000 is exhausted it will be necessary to close the Mint for the remainder of the fiscal year, a proceeding which would be very unpopular with the regular employes, and might be embarrassing to the Treasury. I have directed Dr. Dewey to go over this matter with you, and trust you will cooperate with him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:;

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Reverend H. Clay Ferguson, of Philadelphia, relative to obtaining one-cent pieces of the coinage of 1914. Mr. Ferguson has been advised that you will be requested to supply his wants.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant relative to the purchase of a typewriter, I beg to say that your requisition has been held pending the conclusion of the Treasury contract. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter received from the Secre - tary's office relative to the immediate purchase of typewriters, and have to request that in returning the same you will make recommendation according to the directions of the letter. Authority to purchase will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your reply.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Collector of Internal Revenues, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has made requisition for a scales for weighing gold and silver coins.

If you have an adjuster's scale in good order will you please forward it to the above address, sending your account to this office to be transmitted to the Commissioner of Internal Revenues, Washington.

If it will be necessary for you to adjust the scale please do so as promptly as possible, and advise the Bureau how soon shipment can be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Yours of the 26th relative to the temporary laborers is at hand. Your original letter, asking for authority to appoint ten laborers at $2.75 per day, was approved and forwarded immediately to the Secretary's office. The Secretary's approval was received by the Bureau on the 24th and forwarded to you. The nominations have not yet been received and the question of the change in the compensation will have to be taken up with the Secretary when these names are presented.

Respectfully,

George Roberts

Director of the Mint.

P. S.
I am enclosing herewith a personal letter written some weeks ago and which has just been returned, the Philadelphia post office not being able to locate you on the ship "Michigan". I will leave it to you whether this is one on the postmaster or on my penmanship.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Aug. 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me of the capacity in which Frank W. Harrison signs for the Frank W. Harrison Co., voucher #714 - June. Also the capacity in which the signer (signature not decipherable) represents Brown Bros. & Co., vouchers #720 - June and #760 - July.

Information is requested as to the use to which aromatic mist, with atomizers (voucher #713 - June) is put.

It appears that Bessie R. Winter has been twice paid for May 16, 1914, once on pay-roll, where deduction was not made, and again on sick leave voucher. This amount should be refunded.

Further explanation is requested of the pay-roll supplementary to that for July 1-15, which was "made for the purpose of reimbursing employees who exceeded their annual leave." From the records of the Bureau the annual leave to July 31st, granted some of the employees carried on this roll, is noted below:

	Days	Hours	Min.
Hazlet Creelman	28	2	30
C. B. Espenship	25	0	0
Harry Green	30	0	0
Kate Langton	30	0	30
Dominick McFadden	30	0	30
Annie B. Woods	30	0	30

Please advise me if the absences for which reimbursement has been made have been charged to the annual leave of those whose annual leave appears not to have been exceeded.

The refund from Bessie R. Winter should be deposited to the credit of Mr. Landis.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, August 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your report of the operations of your mint covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914 has not as yet been received, and I would be pleased to have it forwarded to this Bureau at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

As soon as possible will you please resume the coinage of dimes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN: Night message

Washington,

August 28, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
" Assay Office New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge" " Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" Mint New Orleans, La.
" " Carson, Nevada.

On and after Saturday twenty-ninth instant pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-three cents fine ounce.

Roberts

Director.

L BUSINESS,
MENT RATES,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR... Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 25th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase direct from Rand-McNally & Co., Chicago, one copy of the July 1914 and one copy of the January 1915 editions of the Bankers' Directory and List of Attorneys, for the sum of $10.00, one half of which is to be paid on the delivery of the July number and the balance when the January number is delivered.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the U. S. Mint at Denver an invoice of one thousand dollars worth of proof gold, advising this Bureau when it is ready in order that a transfer order may be requested.

Respectfully,

F. O. Heath

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

August 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 25th instant you are hereby authorized to dispose of the Saint Gaudens coins referred to, for the benefit of the numismatic collection.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the Legislative appropriation Act the sum of $350.00 has been expended from your current contingent appropriation and credited to the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Treasury Department, to meet the cost of stationery.

If desired, the placing of symbols on public vouchers may be discontinued until you are further advised.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo relative to the mitts ordered by the San Francisco Mint, and stating that the cost of shipping by express would be $15.00, I beg to suggest that you forward as many as possible in one package by parcel post, the remainder by freight.

Respectfully,

A. P. Leach

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

In accordance with the request contained in your letter you are authorized to purchase an L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter, No. 5 model, for the sum of $65.00, and to accept the proposal of the L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter Company amounting to $15.00 for the old Monarch machine. It is understood that the proposal of the L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter Company ($15) is the highest bid obtainable for the Monarch Machine.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is expected that the transfer to the new Superintendent at New York, Mr. Bovie, will begin early next week. As your Mr. Ziegler, in the assay department, was a member of the last annual settlement committee there I would like to have him on the transfer committee if he can be spared. I hope to finish the transfer by October 1st. Please inform us if he can be spared.

Respectfully,

R. Duffy

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 10.8 ounces of silver reduced from chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated pure silver suitable for parting purposes in the gold assay.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 3, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authorized to accept the three offers of porcelain crucibles.

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex? Mint Bureau 1915.

BUSINESS.
PAID.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 3, 1914.

Sir:

In view of the possibility of a considerable advance in the price of graphite goods I wish to suggest that you procure, as early as practicable, a sufficient quantity of such goods to meet your probable requirements for at least six months.

Respectfully,

R. C. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to charges for the Assay Room Cabinet, I beg to suggest that the Bureau be advised of the detailed cost as developed by the cost system, and that you submit a recommendation as to the price you consider fair for the services rendered.

Respectfully,

R. D. Evans

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Denver of the sum of $1,000 payable in 48.375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded by you to the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant enclosing granulated pure silver in return for 10.8 ounces of silver forwarded from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. O. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of September has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 9,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - - -	38,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - - - -	5,000
	$52,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills against the San Francisco Mint for coin collars, etc., $273.57, and for ratchet feeds, $86.79, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as indicated on face of vouchers.

Please advise me if you have received notice of settlement of your bill against the Geological Survey for 2 gold cylinders furnished them March 31, 1914, $87.37.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Again referring to the subject of annual leave of those employees whose names are carried on the pay-roll supplementary to that for July 1 - 15, 1914, you are advised that in those cases where the annual leave had not been exceeded the absence in question should be charged thereto. The purpose was to reimburse those who otherwise would lose pay by reason of failure to provide work for them, not to provide additional absence with pay for those who had available time against which the absence could be charged. Please forward corrected leave records for those affected.

Unless special authority is given pay should not be allowed for annual leave in excess of 30 days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to Major John D. Worman, a former clerk in the Mint, who was furloughed in 1910. I fear there is no work in the Mint which he is qualified to do. I have a friendly feeling for all of the old veterans, and we know that they cannot be in the service long, but if Major Worman is comfortably situated at present I do not think it would be advisable to take him back into the Mint. I am quite willing to bear any degree of responsibility in the matter which you find it convenient to place upon me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Request has been made to the Department by the Domestic Science and Pure Food Exposition of Boston for a Treasury exhibit at its Exposition to be held in that city from October 5th to 31, 1914.

In view of the agreement to provide a Mint exhibit at the New York Electric Exposition in that month I do not regard it feasible to make another working exhibit at the same time. I beg to inquire, however, whether it would be practicable to make an interesting exhibit of medals and, perhaps, include the current coins of various nations. I have in mind some such medal and coin exhibit as it is proposed to send to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Please confer with Mr. Comparette and let me know as soon as possible what it would be practicable to do in this respect.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver at your earliest convenience thirty pairs of nickel coinage dies; ten pairs as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the machinery and equipment which it has been agreed shall be lent to the New York Edison Company for use during the New York Electrical Exposition, I beg to advise you that the Edison Company has filed a bond in the sum of $16,000 to cover the safe return to you of the machinery and equipment to be sent from your Institution, the period of the Exposition being from October 5th to 17th, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 10, 1914.

Sir:

Referring to the recommendations for increased salaries in your estimates I regret to be obliged to refer you to the sweeping letter of instructions issued by the Secretary of the Treasury to all services ~~withxth~~ within the Department, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to say that your recommendation that a charge of $7 per thousand pieces for the coinage of 50-centimos for the Government of Costa Rica is approved, and you are authorized to render your account to the Government named accordingly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th inst., you are advised that your bill against the Denver Mint dated Sept. 19, 1913, for automatic weighing machine parts, $752.34, cannot be settled as Denver's 1913 appropriation is exhausted; your appropriations will not receive reimbursement in this instance.

The other bills in question were settled as noted below:

Apr. 10, 1914, Denver Mint, coin collars, $28.51, Auditor's #38046 dated April 27, 1914.
April 11, 1914, New York Assay Office, anode bags and mitts, $180.00, Auditor's #38047 dated April 27, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am of the opinion that the amount of bronze and nickel coins now on hand at your institution is sufficient to carry you through this year, and you may discontinue their coinage at once, turning your attention to dimes particularly, and to quarters, as suits your convenience.

I would add that, owing to the slack conditions of trade, it seems evident that there will be no pressure upon you for coinage during the next six months, and to whatever extent you can utilize the regular force in expediting the count now going on, you are at liberty to do so. I do not, however, mean by this to totally suspend all coinage, as we will need a considerable quantity of dimes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 11,1914.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Metal Fund Account of your Mint be increased in the sum of $25,000 to enable you to meet payment for metal purchased.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the annual report of the operations of your institution for the last fiscal year, under the heading of Assaying Department, the statement appears that "Of the 136 melts of gold ingots made in the melting and refining department, 44 were returned for re-melting."

Under the head of the Melting and Refining Department, in the table of "Ingot Melts Made" it appears that of the 136 gold melts none were condemned.

I think some explanation should be made of why the 44 were returned for re-melting. The intent of this report is to give information to our other institutions and to other parties who may be interested, and a bare statement like the foregoing conveys no information at all.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

The unexpended balance of your 1914 contingent appropriation remaining under your control should be deposited in the Treasury not later than Sept. 30, 1914, and at the same time a list of encumbrances still unliquidated should be forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1914, with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the Penna. R. R. Co. for transportation of stationery from Washington July 1, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation in the sum of 95¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $35,687.14 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of August, and the increase of the bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

I have also requested that the sum of $132,286.71 be deposited in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a letter from the Chief Clerk of the Department of Commerce relative to the designs prepared by the Engraver of the Mint for the medals voted by Congress to the officers and crew of the Steamship Kroonland. Please note that one of these designs has been accepted, and that we are authorized to proceed with the work of striking the medals as soon as possible.

Kindly advise the Bureau of the approximate date when the medals will be ready for delivery.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please have future schedules of revenue carry separately the seigniorage on nickel and bronze.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 12th inst. on the subject of annual leave of certain employees for whom no work was available from July 13th to 20th, will state that the Department has always reserved the right, as contemplated by the law, to decide whether and at what time employees may be spared for absence on annual leave. In the operation of Mint Service institutions it has been found expedient to grant leave to many of the employees at the time of the annual settlements, and the time of resuming operations after settlement cannot always be definitely determined in advance. It is therefore not considered a hardship upon employees, when conditions demand, to require them to take more of their annual leave at settlement time than was at first contemplated.

As regards discrimination - to avoid same it would be necessary to grant additional leave with pay to those of your employees who worked during the period in question as well as to those for whom no work was available; and this might be extended indefinitely to include all Government employees, wherever located.

However, in order that no hardship may be imposed as a result of the present unusual conditions, you are advised that the absence in question need not be charged to annual leave this time but that the resulting extension of absence with pay should be used only in emergency - not be granted as a right of absence without excuse.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith $1.05 to reimburse you for the value of the coins forwarded by you to the Reverend Mr. Warring. Your letter to the Bureau stated that you had sent the coins to Reverend Mr. Hess. The name is Reverend Hess Warring. Mr. Warring will endeavor to trace and recover the coins sent by you on the 9th. Your promptness in forwarding the coins requested yesterday is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Wednesday, September 16th, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of fifty-four cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Geo. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the communication from your Weigh Clerk, dated the 15th instant, and forwarded to the Bureau, I beg to inquire what size of gold bars are wanted for the payment of deposits, and about how fast they are taken?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of advice of the 14th instant states that the funds received for manufacture of Costa Rican coin should be credited to your 1914 appropriations; please advise me if it should not be 1915, the appropriations now current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your suggestion that the count on the silver dollars be suspended long enough to allow the force of counters to complete the count of the cashier's vault in the basement, I beg to say that further important transfers of gold from the Mint are now under consideration, and as these transfers materially reduce the labor of the settlement committee, it seems desirable to hold off the work upon this vault for the present. Of course, if the settlement could be made by a count of sacks, you accepting the contents of coin of sacks without an actual count, the labor of finishing up this vault would be comparatively small, but to open every sack and actually count the gold contents is a very considerable task, and it is possible that it may be materially reduced as above stated.

I am, however, writing to Mr. Dewey who is now engaged upon the New York settlement, on this subject, asking him to run over to Philadelphia at his convenience and look over the situation.

Mr. Sheetz advises me furthermore that it would scarcely be possible to employ the entire counting force in the cashier's vault, so it would appear that it will be necessary to seriously disorganize the work of the force if that work was to be taken up now.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized to proceed to issue gold proof sets of the current year to meet the public demand, and in order that such sets shall not have a scarcity value you are directed before the close of the year to coin at least $25,000 of each denomination of gold coins, regular coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406-

September 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Goldschmidt Thermit Company for supplying your Mint wi th 250 pounds 98% pure Manganese at the rate of 65 cents per pound, this being the lower bid received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten half dollar coin collars for large standard ring.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Sept. 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir.

It is contemplated that in future your appropriations shall be reimbursed for the cost of making proof gold and silver furnished the other institutions of the Mint Service, the same as for other services rendered them.

With this in view I have to request that you give me a detailed statement of the various expenses entering into the making of proof metal, as developed by the cost system, for a representative period, also for a particular lot of metal if this is available. The statement should show the quantity of proof made as well as the costs, also any other pertinent information.

It is noted that in July there was furnished the New York Assay Office $1,000 worth of proof gold (48.375 oz.) at a cost for manufacture of $723.35 or $14.95+ per oz. and 72+¢ for each dollars worth; and 100 oz. of proof silver at a cost of $117.70 or $1.17+ per oz. and approximately $2.00 for each dollars worth.

Respectfully,

P Director of the Mint.

P.S. -Please give quantities furnished each institution last fiscal year.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me about how much coinage of each denomination of gold will be required to supply the usual holiday demand. I think your cashier will be able to give a good approximate estimate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau one copy of each of the following medals, together with your account for the same to Hon. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency:

List No. 23, Major General Taylor, for Buena Vista.

List No. 27, Major General Scott (Commonwealth of Virginia.)

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 21, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisic, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge Mint Carson, Nevada
" " Mint New Orleans, La.
Assayer in Charge Assay Office Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
Superintendent, Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

From and including today pay for silver partings at fifty-two cents. fine ounce.

Roberts, Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6827
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Sept. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the statement accompanying your letter of the 18th instant, showing cost of manufacturing proof metal, will you please advise me as to the quantity in process May 1st, also quantity and cost of that in process on Aug. 31st, in order that the unit costs may be figured.

The opinion of your Assayer is also requested as to whether the cost of making proof metal is fairly represented by the information furnished, with any comment considered appropriate.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

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Director of the Mint.

Sept. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Explanation is requested of certain items pertaining to your June cost report.

In the statistics of the Assay Dept. the number of special assays of bullion and ores is given as 21; the monthly statement of receipts from special assays carries a total of $28. collected for 12 assays. The discrepancy in May is still greater, the cost report carrying 40, while the receipts were $24 for 11 assays.

In the die making division of the Engraving Dept. the item of steel has been eliminated. Was no steel used during the month?

In the statistics of the deposits division the fine ounce quantity and unit cost, as well as the gross, is not given as requested in letter of Aug.4th.

The sweeps cellar statistics do not separately state the qunatity of metals actually recovered from the assay value of the tailings; this should be given.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I suggest that you obtain the information of the Superintendent of the Coining Department, and also of Mr. Hewitt, as to whether the coining press described in the within letter would be of any value in your equipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 23, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward 15 coins from delivery No. 42 Dimes of September 8, accompanied by the usual certificate for special assay coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco six sets of double eagle collar segments and four sets of toggles for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has an inquiry from a firm of contractors who are figuring on furnishing coinage presses to a foreign government, and would like to have the names of several contractors qualified to do such work. Will you please forward to the Bureau the names of any firms you know who would care to figure on such equipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from the weigh clerk dated September 18, which you have forwarded, I beg to say that the stock of fine gold bars at the New York Assay Office is now so low that it is impracticable to have any considerable transfers made at this time. Moreover, as the Assay Office can just as well make the bars up in the sizes required as to make them in the large size, it seems advisable for them to do so and thus save the labor and loss incidental to having large bars remelted at Philadelphia. If you will give the Bureau an estimate of the sizes needed to carry you 30 days, arrangements will be made to have such transfer made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 23rd instant you are authorized to accept the proposal of Shoemaker & Busch for supplying your Mint with 1800 pounds of bone ash for cupels at the rate of .074 per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith a communication from the Civil Service Commission relative to the employment of Bryan Harron in the Mint. He appears to be ineligible to appointment by reason of the fact that he was already a member of the Common Council. If this is the fact it will be necessary for Mr. Harron to resign from his services in the Mint.

It is doubtful whether Mr. Harron is entitled to pay, having been ineligible for appointment. If, however, you want to take the chance of being obliged to refund the amount yourself in case the point should be raised by someone, this Bureau will pass the item.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary's Office has requested that you forward your account for the automatic weighing machines manufactured by you for the sub-treasuries at New York and Chicago. Will you please comply with this request at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose three samples of gold bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the results to this office.

The bullion is approximately 850 fine in gold and 50 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. for transportation of your accounts to Washington July 30th and Aug. 19th, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $0.69.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon consultation with employes of the Treasurer's Office, who have had much experience in counting coin in subtreasuries, they tell me that an average counter ought to count 40,000 silver dollars a day, and that a good counter will count 50,000 per day. The force now at work in your institution is averaging only about 20,000 per day. This is very poor work and some way must be found to make it better or we will have something approaching a scandal over the long drawn out job. It seems to me that your representatives are not cooperating heartily in the effort to expedite the work, but are apparently more interested in having the job last a good long while.

In this connection it should be understood that no leave will be granted temporary employes on this work, and that whatever days they are absent from work will be lost to them. It is not customary to grant annual leave to temporary employes, and all annual leave is subject to the convenience of the service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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In this connection it should be understood that no leave will be granted temporary employes on this work, and that whatever days they are absent from work will be lost to them. It is not customary to grant annual leave to temporary employes, and all annual leave is subject to the convenience of the service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your request for fine gold bars to be transferred from New York Assay Office, I beg to say that the 20 and 25 ounce bars as made at New York are poured into a mould 2½" long by ½" to ¾" deep. If these bars will satisfy your trade please advise me and I will cause a transfer to be made at once. It seems to me advisable that the bars should be made up in New York rather than at Philadelphia for the reasons stated in my former letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed communications from Mr. F. M. Lincoln of Hartford, Connecticut, relative to a coining press which he has for sale, and to the opinion submitted by Mr. Hewitt, foreman of machinists, I beg to say that you are advised to have Mr. Hewitt visit Hartford at as early a date as practicable and examine this press, and report to you upon its condition. I am forwarding herewith a letter of authority, together with transportation orders, to cover his expenses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Sept. 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please inform me as to the detailed expenses of distributing minor coin - amounts for transportation, for coin sacks, seals, etc. - for the fiscal years 1910, 1911 and 1912.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

September 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after October 1st please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of $0.54 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Geo Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 28th ultimo you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Atlantic Refining Company for the purchase of ten barrels of oil at the rate of 4½ cents per gallon, it being understood that the oil is of no use to your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo stating that the hangers on the doors of the passenger elevator were in need of being replaced, I beg to advise you that your recommendation has been approved and forwarded to the Supervising Architect for action.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver as early as practicable six half eagle and six quarter eagle collars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose four samples of fine gold containing a mere trifle of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate, reporting the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In rendering your account to the Secretary of the Treasury for the automatic scales made at your Mint for the sub-treasuries I beg to suggest that as much of the cost as possible be credited to your 1915 appropriations.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Some complaint having been received regarding poor execution of our minor coins I have had samples forwarded to the Bureau from Denver and San Francisco and on his last trip to your Mint the Bureau Assayer obtained some of your coin from your cashier.

I enclose herewith three of your nickels. In one case the blank was evidently imperfect and should have been rejected by the selectors. In another case I would direct your attention to the defects at "E Pluribus Unum", at the date, under the Indian's chin and in front of his forehead, and to a general lack of sharpness in the execution. This coin is typical of many in the 20 obtained. In the third case I would direct your attention to the word "Liberty" and to the date.

I also enclose three of your cents, one is clear and sharp but the other two are indistinct at "E Pluribus Unum".

The weights of your coins were as follows:-

Nickels. Grains		Cents. Grains.	
75.45	77.35	45.80	48.20
75.65	77.45	45.90	48.30 (4)
75.80	77.50	46.40 (2)	48.35
75.90	77.95 (2)	46.50	48.65
75.95	78.30	46.75	48.75
76.25	78.35	46.90 (2)	48.80 (2)
76.30	78.60	47.05	49.20
76.50		47.40	49.75
76.70		47.65	
76.90		47.70	
77.20 (2)		48.00	

You will observe that there is a range of 3.15 in the nickels and 3.95 grains in the cents. This seems excessive.

I am also enclosing three San Francisco nickels. All of them show a very indistinct "Liberty" and this is common in the San Francisco coins. One of them has an indistinct "S" and one of them shows the same defects at "E Pluribus Unum" that the Philadelphia coins do.

I also enclose a San Francisco cent and would direct your attention to "E Pluribus Unum".

I would be glad to have you submit these coins to your coiner and engraver and have the proper steps taken to improve your coins. I would also like to have their opinion as to whether or not the defects in the coins are due to imperfect dies, and if not what steps should be taken to improve the execution.

In the future when working on the minor coins I would thank you to forward to the Bureau samples consisting of one coin for each 10,000 pieces taken in the same manner as the gold and silver special assay coins, and accompanied by the same certificate of impartial sampling.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the authority and transportation orders for Mr. Hewitt's trip to Hartford to examine the coinage press for sale there. I would suggest that you communicate first with Mr. Lincoln and agree upon a date at which Mr. Hewitt will be sure to find him in Hartford.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

October 2, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Denver, Colo.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " " New Orleans, La.
Superintendent, ~~Mint~~ Assay Office, New York, N.Y.

Notice of change in price of silver dated September 30 ~~rescinded~~ rescinded. Price restored to fifty-two cents from and including first instant.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.
9—9273 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 9129.

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October 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The coinage for Equador that has been ordered is 2,500,000 20-centimo pieces. The official request has not yet been received by the Secretary of the Treasury, but it is doubtless forthcoming, and you may proceed with the coinage. Delivery cannot be made until the request has been passed upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, but this will no doubt be forthcoming before the coinage is completed.

The dies are all right as they are.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P. S. This coinage is to be expedited.

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Oct. 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In view of the considerable discrepancies in figures received for cost of manufacturing proof metal - particularly proof gold - authority will not at this time be given for rendition of bills for the purpose of reimbursing your appropriations for proof metal furnished other Mint Service institutions.

The cost of proof gold furnished the New York Assay Office in June is stated at $14.95 per ounce; the cost of that on hand April 30th is given as $9.66 per ounce; the cost report figures for the months May to August inclusive indicate $1.07 per ounce; while the Assayer's opinion is stated as approximately $3.50 per ounce. It is understood that the high figures quoted are not reliable; but there is considerable difference between the Assayer's estimate and the cost report figures.

It is requested that in future careful record be kept of the costs entering into this product, in order that the Bureau, as well as all others concerned, may rely on the figures carried in the cost reports.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco twenty pairs of nickel dies.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

October 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to say that the original letter, dated August 28th, was referred to the Commissioner of Internal Revenues who overlooked your inquiry relative to weights.

Will you please forward the scales you have prepared to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, without weights.

It is understood that no charge is to be made for the scales, but an account should be rendered to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, through this Bureau, for any expense incurred in repairing or preparing the scales.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Mr. Dewey tells me that Mr. Harron is still at work on the settlement force. I am at a loss to understand this unless it may be that you interpreted the last paragraph of my letter of the 25th ultimo as meaning that he might continue at your risk. If you so understood my letter you were in error. The paragraph relative to his pay referred only to pay for past labors. I assume that both he and you were unaware that he was ineligible to appointment. I am disposed to allow his pay for the time he has served to date, but his employment must cease immediately. No pay will be allowed after this day, October 3, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose three samples of bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, reporting the results to this Bureau and returning the balance of the samples for further check assaying. The approximate finenesses are

	Gold	Silver.
56	851	62
58	827	96
59	829	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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Oct. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith letter of the Assistant Secretary dated Sept. 21, 1914, sample forms Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive and other matter pertaining to the subject of Special Deposit Accounts. The letter and forms mentioned should be returned to the Bureau, while the other matter may be retained.

You will be required to act as an agent of the Government in withholding the amount of the income tax from your own salary and that of the Engraver, and to account for same in the manner prescribed. If any other moneys defined as special deposits come into your possession they also must be accounted for in the manner prescribed; please advise me as to this, with indication of the classes of any such funds.

It is thought that forms 1, 2 and 4 will answer our purposes (with a possible rearrangement of the width of some of the columns); will you have any occasion to use form 3.

Please give this matter your early consideration and let me have any suggestions or other information pertinent thereto.

The symbol number of your special deposit disbursing account with the Treasurer will be 15,063.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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Oct. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of October has been approved in the following sums:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	5,000
	$35,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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October 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you kindly submit a statement showing a complete list of the people employed upon the settlement count, including the regular employes of the Mint, with wages paid per day to each, and with it a statement of the number of silver dollars in vault A counted up to this time, and the cost of the count, together with an estimate of how much it will cost to complete the count of silver dollars.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt this day of two dimes from delivery No. 62, for special assay. They were not accompanied by the usual transmittal slip, Form 971.

Respectfully,

R. Deary.

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose three samples of gold bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office. No. 57 is approximately 850 fine in gold and 60 fine in silver; No. 60 and No. 61 are approximately 815 fine in gold and 97 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Oct. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please advise me if the rare coins which you were authorized to dispose of for the benefit of the numismatic collection have all been definitely disposed of, also as to the condition of the fund derived from their sale. Your last statement concerning same is dated January 14, 1914.

Please close out this account as soon as practicable and render a complete statement of all transactions connected therewith, together with supporting subvouchers - receipted bills, etc.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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Oct. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward a detailed list of all orders, bills for which have not been rendered, for articles furnished or to be furnished other Mint Service Institutions. Estimated cost should be given in order that encumbrances may be set up to cover same. In this connection I have to again invite attention to the Bureau's request of Sept. 26, 1913.

Respectfully,

F. Dewey

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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October 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen pairs of nickel coinage dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith application of Mr. McCusker for leave of absence on account of sickness, with pay, and regret to advise you that temporary employes are not granted compensation for time off duty, either on annual leave or absence on account of sickness.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in your name on account of the profits on coinage during the month of September:

On account of subsidiary profits ——$274,812.81,
and the increase of your bullion
fund in like amount.

On account of minor profits ———— 36,963.33,
and the increase of the Minor Coin
Account in like amount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $32,885, payable in 1590.612 ounces of fine gold to be forwarded to your mint in bars weighing from 20 to 25 ounces each.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau two medals of President Wilson, one for the cabinet of the Bureau (to be lent) and the other for a member of the reserve board who will reimburse you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and silver made on each sample, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying. The approximate finenesses are: gold, 855; silver, 50.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 16.46 ounces of silver reduced from the chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver suitable for parting.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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October 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant I have to request that you will forward to the Bureau three medals of President Wilson; two medals will be paid for, and one retained in the cabinet of the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 13th instant I beg to say that the additional amount of silver required for the coinage of Ecuador will doubtless be delivered. You may use your own silver if necessary in the meantime.

You will be duly instructed as to the delivery of the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

No reply appears to have been received to the letter of the acting representative of the Panama Pacific Treasury exhibit relative to the amount of brass railing on storage at the Mint. His letter was referred to you late in September. Will you kindly cause the desired information to be sent to the Bureau for transmission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau, by ordinary mail, one copy of the Captain Ingraham medal in bronze, (No. 21) together with an account for the same against Hon. John Skelton Williams.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant transmitting President Wilson medals. I trust it will be possible to give you some definite instructions regarding the issue of the medals within a few days. Both of the copies previously sent were submitted to the Office of the Secretary for approval.

Respectfully,

Geo Roberts

Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, five pairs of dime dies at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing the report of the Foreman of Machinery relative to the brass railing to be used at the Panama Pacific Exposition. The Report has been forwarded by this Bureau to the Exposition representative in the Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Voucher #413 of February 10, 1914, in favor of the Cashier of the Philadelphia Mint, is in payment for silver, $22.13. Of this amount $4.77 is accounted for on March quarter abstract of articles manufactured, etc., as having been used in manufacture of 5 silver discs for the Smithsonian Institution. Please inform me as to the disposition of the remainder, $17.36.

Respectfully,

B. Drury

F Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 14th transmitting assay reports:- It is noted that you returned only 1.7 grams of cornets which would be the equivalent for the gold assays, but you also made four silver assays for which no gold was returned.

Respectfully,

R. E. Demy.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward St. Louis sweeps voucher to accompany Mr. Landis' final accounts to the Auditor. The proceeds should be deposited in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared one thousand dollars' worth of proof gold for the Mint at San Francisco, advising the Bureau when the same is ready, in order that a transfer may be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Authority granted for mint exhibit to remain in New York for Red Cross bazaar and tercentenary exhibition; also for necessary employes.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

8--6927 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108.

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October 19, 1914.

Superintendent. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined, approved and forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, the bullion accounts of your Mint for the period from July 1st to July 20th inclusive.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

B.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, ten ounces of proof gold, advising this Bureau when the same is ready that a transfer order may be requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Under separate cover I am returning the three medals of the President. It has been decided not to issue these medals and you are requested to destroy those returned or on hand.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

When the annual settlement was made there were on hand 58 bbls of your sweeps from the M. & R. department, containing 77.782 ounces of gold and 840.03 ounces of silver, and the weigh clerk had coiner's sweeps containing 10.076 ounces of gold and 72.28 ounces of silver. I would thank you to immediately dispose of these two lots of sweeps keeping a separate account for each lot.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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October 21, 1914.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular which permits the payment of salaries and wages of the employes of the service on the 15th and the last day of the month, and you are at libertty to take advantage of this if you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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October 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby notified that until further notice the Wells Fargo & Company Express will issue receipts in their own name instead of in the name of the United States Express Company for all moneys, securities, &c., turned over to them for shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant relative to the Ecuador coinage, I beg to advise you that the National City Bank, New York City, has been designated by the Minister of Ecuador to take charge of the coinage you are now executing for his government. The Minister requests that one piece of this coinage be sent to him in this city.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On and after Friday, the 23rd instant, please pay for silver contained in gold deposits at the rate of $0.50 per ounce fine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Oct. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In future all supplies for use in distribution of coin, regardless of the denominations for which they may eventually be used, will be purchased directly from the contingent appropriation.

After the supplies now on hand, purchased from the minor profit funds, have been consumed, record will be kept of those used in distributing minor coin and at regular intervals, not less frequently than once each quarter, detailed voucher will be prepared for purchase of same from the contingent appropriation, debiting the minor coinage profit fund and crediting the contingent appropriation. The proceeds will be deposited in the Treasury by C/D as a repayment to the contingent appropriation and will be available for future use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Oct. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In future the following procedure will be followed in reimbursing the bullion fund for gold and silver used in the manufacture of medals; the purpose is to simplify the present practice and at the same time to keep the bullion fund intact:

Such gold and silver will be considered as bullion belonging to the bullion fund until that fund has been reimbursed, in the case of private medals, by funds received from their sale before or at the time of delivery; and in the case of Government medals which are authorized to be delivered before payment is received, by funds received at the time the medals are delivered, on voucher drawn against the contingent appropriation. In the latter case the contingent appropriation will be reimbursed when payment for the medals is received.

The above procedure will also apply when other articles than medals are manufactured from gold or silver.

This method is authorized because the metal required cannot be purchased from the contingent appropriation at the time it is needed for working, owing to the fact that clippings and scrap from the ingots used are involved. The value thus cannot be known at the time the metal is devoted to this use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded from your Mint to the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following telegram has been received from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco:

"Please forward ten reverse double eagle dies; also partial shipment double eagle coin collar segments and toggles requested September twenty-second."

Will you please cause the above requisitions to be honored as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 24, 1914.

Sir:

This will introduce Mr. Magoula, an Imperial Mining Engineer who comes to this country on a special mission for the Imperial Russian Ministry of Finance, and who wishes to see the operations of the Mint.

Please have Mr. Magoula shown through all departments and afford him full opportunity to become familiar with your equipment and methods.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce, Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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October 24, 1914.

Superintendant, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

It is requested that the following data be supplied this office as soon as practicable for use in the preparation of a report by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Interior in compliance with Senate Resolution No. 244.

The amount in gallons of the following oils purchased by your ~~Bureau~~ institution during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914:-

Gasoline.
Kerosene.
Lubricating Oil.
Fuel Oil.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing a specimen of the coin now being made for the Government of Ecuador. The coin has been transmitted to the Minister of Ecuador.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, October 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of inquiry of the 26th instant relative to duplicate checks for making carbon copies, addressed to the Division of Printing and Stationery, has been referred to this Bureau.

In reply thereto I have to state that the cashier of your mint informed the settlement committee last July, that duplicate carbon copies previously sent to your mint were not used for this purpose as the bookkeeper had a record in his office of all checks issued, which was considered amply sufficient for all practicak purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 28, 1914.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter sent out by the Supervising Architect, covering his award to Holbrook Mfg. Company, for supplying soap powder and scouring soap for public buildings. You are at liberty to purchase under this contract if it will be of any advantage to the government for you to do so.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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October 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to have your assayer forward a description of the method that he uses for the determination of iridium.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

October 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith $38.50 with the request that you forward by Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, collect, one set of gold proof coins to Mr. E. R. Hendley, Representative, Wells Fargo & Company Express, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau when you have coined up the gold ingots now on hand, and then report the amount of each denomination of gold coins you have on hand of this year's coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

October 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Office of the Secretary of War has made inquiry as to the progress upon the medals being prepared at the Mint for the Marksmanship awards. Reference is made to the new designs bearing the Minute Man and William Tell. Please advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please direct that two adjuster's scales be immediately placed in order and prepared to be forwarded to Mr. George Seay, Governor Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia. Please advise the Bureau when the scales are ready for shipment and forward the account for repairs, etc., to this Bureau for transmission to the Bank.

Weights will not be required to accompany the scales.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

October 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. Charles Butters, relative to Salvador coinage, I beg to say that I have this day advised Mr. Butters of the terms upon which the coinage desired could be executed at your Mint, and in doing so have embodied the information contained in your letter, adding that the authority for the coinage would be granted upon the request of the representative of the Government of Salvador at this capital.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Specimen coins.

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Oct. 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday on the subject of "Special Deposits" and note that no reply was made to inquiry in letter of the 6th inst. as to whether you receive any other funds defined as special deposits than income tax. Please advise me as to this, particularly in connection with the medal accounts.

As soon as the new forms are available they will be forwarded you for use.

The income tax year for individuals is the calendar year - see Art. 7 in pamphlet of laws and regulations forwarded you the 6th inst.. Returns for the year must be made on or before March 1st following, Art. 190. See index for further information. You are personally liable for the deductions on salaries paid by you, when the accruals exceed $3,000 but not prior thereto, and the time of making such deductions (not later than Dec. 31st of each year) will be at your discretion. See paragraph on page 9 of pamphlet. Deductions will be made for the current calendar year.

Several copies of internal revenue form No. 1042 are being forwarded for your use.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
November 2, 1914.

Superintendent, Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
" Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah

Pay for silver partings at rate of forty-eight cents fine ounce beginning

Robert

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Charge TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Appropriation for Contg. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
This appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2100.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, November 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose to you herewith a catalogue of standard stock Forms and blank books that can be obtained in lieu of those ordered in your recent requisition. Sample sheets of 2115 and 2116 are enclosed and although they contain only 100 leaves, they could apparently take the place of those marked on your requisition "Schedule Nos. 7 and 8.

Please advise this Bureau if you desire to amend your requisition to conform to the stock books, indicating by numbers, those you may require.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures)

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November 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed with the coinage of the gold ingots you have on hand, advising the Bureau when the coinage is completed, and the total amount of 1914 gold coins on hand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to purchase one years subscription to the Numismatic Chronicle and Rivistia di Numismatica from G. E. Stechert & Co., the only bidders of three solicited, for the sum of $5.00. It is understood the subscription covers the period of the fiscal year 1914-1915. The subscription should not be paid until the end of the period of service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

November 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of James Clendenin to supply your Mint with 20,000 pounds of Electrolytic Low Bridge Ingot Copper for alloy, at the rate of $0.11-3/4 per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letter I have said to said to the writer that the letter had been referred to you and that you would permit him to take such pictures as were practicable under the rules. There is no objection to allowing pictures to be taken of the coinage processes and I think we should facilitate everything calculated to give information and instruction to the public. Of course, the pictures should be taken under your direction, and without seriously interferring with the operations.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant and to Bureau letter of the 2nd instant, you are hereby authorized to purchase one year's subscription to each of the following publications at the rate of $5 for each periodical:

Numismatic Chronicle.
Rivistia di Numismatica.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The enclosed silver dollar has been received from the Treasurer's office with the request that the piece be sent to your institution for inspection and an opinion as to its genuineness. Please do not mutilate it, but return with your report at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - -	8,000
	$39,000

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director Mint.

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November 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant relative to repairs to the Allis-Chalmers Corliss engine, I beg to say that the matter has been referred to the Supervising Architect for action, and he will confer with you further.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant stating that you had ready for shipment the two adjuster's scales I have to request that you will forward the scales to the following address:-

Mr. George J. Seay, Governor,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Richmond, Va.

Please have voucher prepared and forwarded to the Bureau for transmission to the Bank. The Governor of the Bank has this day been advised that you are shipping the scales to him.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, referring to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I beg to advise you that the Certificate of Authority for Alexander Montgomery to receipt for monies due the American Express Company was forwarded to the Office of the Auditor. The certificate was placed on file in that office, and the Bureau has been advised that you need no further assurance of its acceptability.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased in the sum of $5,000,000, by a transfer of that amount to your credit.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $307,778.73 be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of October, and that the bullion fund of your institution be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

A. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint,

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November 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample for gold, reporting the results and returning the balance of the samples to this office for further assaying.

Respectfully,

A. B. Terry.

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver as promptly as possible thirty pairs of dime dies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. Ritter of the New York Commercial Tercentenary Commission in regard to the Mint exhibit at that Exposition. The letter explains itself, and I would suggest that so far as consistent with the successful operation of the Mint Exhibit his wishes be complied with. We have a bond covering the value of the equipment.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, November 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

To enable this Bureau to estimate the production of gold and silver during 1914, you are hereby requested to prepare on Forms 61 and 637, statements of the deposits of gold and silver at your mint in fine ounces and value for the eleven months ending November 30 and also an estimated statement of deposits for December as furnished heretofore, so as to reach this Bureau on or before December 13th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith remains of some burned gold coin. Will you please return the value to the following address, and oblige me:

W. P. Mansfield,
C/. Captain of the Watch,
Treasury Department.
Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause an invoice to be made up and forwarded to the Bureau covering the unrefined gold bullion you have on hand, that a transfer order may be requested for its shipment to the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant relative to the Ecuador Coinage, and to advise you that the rate of $6.75 per thousand for coining 2,500,000 twenty-centimo pieces is approved.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Nov. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning for certification your bill for treatment of Charlotte sweeps. This bill will be forwarded for settlement when received in proper form.

There is no appropriation available for reimbursing your appropriations for the expenses of treating the St. Louis sweeps.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to the cost system it is directed that, beginning with the cost report for the month of November, the leave granted employees of the deposits divisions be charged directly to those divisions instead of being included with other General Department leave. This in order that "Acquiring Crude Bullion" may receive an equitable proportion of leave costs as compared with other operations.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

November 16, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of an inquiry from a Congressman who desires to obtain a $2.50 or $5.00 gold piece of the coinage of 1868. If, by chance, you happen to be able to supply either coin will you please advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two 5-cent pieces which I find in my safe. I have forgotten the circumstances, but I think they were experimental strikes of the new nickel piece. I am returning them to be destroyed. Please acknowledge receipt and see that they are destroyed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your communication submitting estimates for the Cuban coinage was duly received and have been forwarded as submitted, excepting that a minimum of 25,000 was named as the smallest number of pieces which it was desired to figure on. The additional 10 per cent will apply to all lots of less than 100,000 pieces down to 25,000 pieces. With this exception the charges recommended in your letter are approved and will stand as the charges to be quoted for all new orders for foreign coinage until superceded by a later order.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith one dollar for which I will thank you to forward to this Bureau one Taft Presidential Medal in bronze.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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, November 18, 1914.

Mr. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The letter from this Bureau of the 14th instant, increasing the bar charge to 0.05 of 1 per cent, refers only to bars purchased for coin.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1914.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the length of time, approximately, the stock of graphite crucibles you now have on hand will last.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dunn.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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November 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau an invoice covering fifty ounces of proof gold and one hundred ounces of proof silver to be forwarded to the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San Francisco as promptly as possible five obverse ten centavo dies and ten reverse ten centavo dies for the Philippine coinage.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1914.

Sir:

There is forwarded to you under separate cover a supply of copies of the new schedule of charges, to go into effect December 1, 1914. Please note the changes by comparing the schedule with the existing table of charges.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two coins reserved from delivery No. 7, Double Eagles, November 19, 1914, which reached the Bureau on the 20th instant. Will you please send a duplicate of form 971 which accompanied these coins.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1914.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This will introduce Mr. H. D. McCaskey, Geologist in Charge, Metal Resources, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., who desires to obtain from your records the customary data relative to deposits of gold and silver from the domestic mines for the current calendar year.

Will you place the appropriate records at the disposal of Mr. McCaskey, that he may obtain the information he desires.

Respectfully,

J. P. Leavy,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1915.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Your request for fine silver bars to be shipped from the New York Assay Office has been referred to that institution, and they report that they are now approximately 400,000 ounces behind the amount required to pay for their own deposits. We might have this metal shipped to you from Denver if it is absolutely necessary, but I would prefer to avoid the necessary expense incurred in such shipments. I would, therefore, be glad if you would inform me as to just when you will probably absolutely require fine silver bars, and possibly we might be able to squeeze out a smaller amount from the New York Office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I wish to direct your attention to the fact that two of the special double eagle assay coins recently received from your institution are unusually heavy, one of them, weighing 516.40 grains, being dangerously close to the legal limit.

Respectfully,

L. O. Howard

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the New York Assay Office advises the Bureau that as a result of an inspection made by two of the officers of his institution, it is found that the following equipment now in the Mint, and unused, could be utilized at the New York Office: 21 flat cells with baskets and ten of the imported earthenware tanks. Will you please direct that this equipment be prepared and forwarded to the Assay Office at New York.

The Superintendent ay New York requests that the three earthenware tanks without the rims be included in these ten tanks.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer order be issued covering the following unpaxted bullion to be forwarded by you to the Assay Office at New York:

	Fine Ounces	Value
Gold	19,699.835	$1,027,386.77
Silver	234,267.05	134,397.43

Mr. Sheetz is authorized to break the seal upon the vault containing this bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer order be issued covering 3971.825 fine ounces of gold, valued at $82,104.91, to be forwarded to you from the Assay Office at New York. The Superintendent at New York states that the bars weigh approximately from 20 to 25 ounces each.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

On the 16th instant a letter was addressed to you asking if by chance you had available a $2.50 gold piece or a $5.00 gold piece of the coinage of 1868. As no reply has been received it is assumed that the letter did not reach you. The Bureau would like to make reply to the inquiry without, however, having you go to any extraordinary trouble to find one of the pieces asked for.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 23rd instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Earley-Dry Graphite Lubricator Co., for supplying your Mint with eight (8) Earley Graphite Lubricators for Engines, at the rate of $20.18¾ each, or a total of $161.50.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasurer is particularly anxious that all the coinage of gold that you are expected to execute at the present shall be completed before the first day of December. I would, therefore, thank you to use every reasonable effort to complete this coinage at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In the future I would thank you to place some distinguishing mark upon the envelope containing, and the certificate accompanying special assay coins representing deliveries of nickels. In both of the cases already received they have been marked simply with an X.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins representing two deliveries of nickels at Philadelphia have been weighed with the following results:-

November 21, 1914.		November 23, 1914.
75.50	77.75 (2)	75.75
75.80	77.80 (3)	76.20
76.10	78.00	76.65 (3)
76.35	78.15	76.80
76.45	78.20	77.15
76.60	78.25	77.20
76.70	78.30	77.25
76.75	78.35	77.40
76.80	78.40 (2)	77.70 (2)
76.90 (2)	78.50	78.20
77.00 (2)	78.55	78.30
77.30	79.40	78.70 (2)
77.40		78.80 (2)
77.70 (2)		79.30

Both of these sets present wide variations in the weights and an effort should be made to reduce the range of variation. Several mechanical defects also appear in these coins. I enclose a coin from the November 21st, 1914, delivery and would direct your especial attention to the words "E pluribus unum" and "Liberty", and also to the neck of the Indian. These defects occur in several of these coins. I would also direct your attention to the plait of hair. In the delivery of November 23rd, 1914, there are several pieces that were struck from blanked dies. I enclose one of them which also shows an unfilled rim from a short blank. I also enclose two coins from this delivery and would

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direct your especial attention to the eye, mouth and neck of the Indian in one and the date in the other.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

We are advised that the proposed coinage for Cuba is to be financed by the National Bank of Cuba. They have decided to have the dies made by Tiffany & Co., and expect to have them ready in about six weeks.

I would thank you to state how soon after the receipt of the dies and the metals you could deliver $1,000,000 in gold coinage, $2,500,000 in silver coinage, and $500,000 in nickel coinage. They appear to be in a great hurry for their coin and I would be glad to have all reasonable speed used in doing the work for them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 86.73 grams of cornets and would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 25, 1914.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of $1,057.37, payable in proof gold and proof silver to be forwarded by you to the Assay Office at New York as follows:-

46.375 ounces of gold -------	$1,000
100 ounces of silver -------	57.37
	1,057.37

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, Nov. 27, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
~~Denver, Colorado.~~ Philadelphia,

Eagle collars sent to Denver very soft. Forward three more just as soon as possible.

Dewey,
Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2-6327
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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November 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters received from Mr. Albert S. Jones, a member of the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice, War Department, together with badges to be altered in the bar. Will you please cause the orders to be executed as promptly as practicable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

Nov. 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S.Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are advised that the proceeds of St. Louis and Charlotte sweeps, as represented by certificate of deposit #314 dated Nov. 18, 1914, $193.25, have been deposited in the Treasury to your credit as no officer is rendering accounts for those former assay offices. The items should therefore be carried in your accounts.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

November 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco ten obverse nickel dies.

Respectfully,

J. P. Tracy

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant enclosing strip proof gold in exchange for 86.73 grams of cornets, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Penna. R. R. Co., transportation Mr. Hewitt to Hartford and return Oct. 13th - - - - - - - $9.30
Wells Fargo & Co., transportation bullion accounts to Washington Oct. 28th - - - - - - .41

Your account for treatment of Charlotte sweeps has been forwarded for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notation on face of voucher.

Please advise me if you have received notice of settlement, with number and date, for 1500 Panama Canal medal bars, $120.00, billed about Sept. 8, 1914.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

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December 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward a copy of your Assayer's report enclosed in your letter of the 13th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose three packages of scraps and coins left by Mr. Roberts to be forwarded to you for destruction.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 30th regarding the coinage for Cuba: My understanding is that the question of the objection to having outside people make coinage dies for use in the Philadelphia Mint had received consideration, and that the decision to have the dies made by Tiffany & Co., was due largely to the fact that they wish the coinage just as soon as possible. I would thank you to state whether the added expense resulting from the use of outside dies would be sufficient to increase the prices as set out in a recent letter from you on the general subject of foreign coinage.

If you will kindly refer to my letter of November 25th you will see that it is specifically stated how much coinage of each variety is desired. I would, therefore, request you to state the time that would probably be required to execute the coinage mentioned in that letter.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 5.30 ounces of silver reduced from chloride and would thank you to forward an equivalent of granulated silver suitable for parting gold assays.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 2nd regarding test nickels:- I would thank you for a more specific explanation as to how the character of the design is responsible for the defects in the date of the coin that is returned herewith. I would also thank you to state how the character of the design is responsible for the unfilled rim and for the blanked dies.

Respectfully,

A. P. Berry.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

By certificate #2347 dated Dec. 1st the Auditor for the Navy Department has settled your accounts for 1000 good conduct medals, $664.06, and 25 medals of honor, $93.70, billed about Sept. 18, 1914.

Upon inquiry it has been learned that your account for 1500 Panama canal medal bars, $120, was settled by the Auditor for the War Department about Sept. 26th, certificate #1441.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director Mint.

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December 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins representing two deliveries of nickels at your Mint have been weighed with the following results:-

November 24, 1914.	Delivery No. 4.
75.35	77.05
75.55	77.20 (2)
75.70	77.65
75.90	77.95
76.00	78.00
76.10	78.05
76.65 (2)	78.15
76.80	78.60
77.20 (2)	
77.45	
77.65 (2)	
77.80	
77.95	
78.20	
78.75	
79.00	
79.30	
79.50	
79.60	
80.20	

I would again direct your attention to the wide variations in weights, as shown by the delivery of November 24, 1914. Four of these coins were struck in blanked dies and several show cracks in the dies. The weights on delivery No. 4 agree very well indeed, but every coin from this delivery was struck on blanked dies, and several show a crack in the die through the word "Liberty".

Respectfully

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing 5.30 ounces of granulated silver, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the question of the coinage of ingots you now have on hand: I have taken up this matter with the Treasurer's office and they thoroughly understand the practical conditions, and will do their best to conform thereto. It is only necessary to use a reasonable amount of speed in working up the clippings in order to keep ahead of their allotments.

Respectfully,

J. E. Dreny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from deliveries Nos. 7 and 8 have been weighed with the following results:-

No. 7		No. 8
74.90	76.95	74.40
75.05	77.00	74.80
75.15	77.05	75.60
75.25	77.10	75.70
75.80	77.15	76.85
75.90	77.45	77.00
76.10	77.50	77.05
76.30	77.60	77.30 (2)
76.45 (3)	77.65	78.00
76.50	78.00	78.10
76.60	78.20	78.15
76.85 (3)	78.60	79.35
	79.60	

Both these deliveries show wide variations in the weights. In delivery No. 7 there are 16 coins that were struck in blanked dies, and three coins where one of the dies had been blanked. In delivery No. 8 all the coins had been struck from blanked dies.

Respectfully,

A. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that office has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries, 1915 - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 4,000
Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - - - - - -	25,000
Contingent Expenses, 1915 - - - - - -	6,000
	$35,000

Respectfully,

J O Denny

Acting Director Mint.

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December 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to this Bureau an invoice covering $100 of proof gold for the Mint at New Orleans. As soon as the invoice is received from you a transfer order will be requested.

Respectfully,

J. O. Dreyer

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of $293,875.53, payable in unparted bullion to be sent from the Mint at Philadelphia to New York Assay Office:-

	Fine Ozs.	Value
Gold	8,969.251	$185,824.31
Silver	188,617.96	108,051.22
		293,875.53

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 7, 1914.

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau the following models in bronze:-

Presidential - Washington
- Jackson
Great Seal of the United States
Departure of the Atlantic Fleet - Roosevelt.

Please render an account for the same against Mr. Berkeley Williams, and the Bureau will forward the same to him. The models may be sent by ordinary mail if satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

F. D. Leach

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at New Orleans of the sum of $100.00 payable in 4.8375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to you from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish information as below concerning vouchers for disbursements:

Aug.-Vou. #22 - Capacity of person signing for J. E. Rhoads & Sons: signature might be G. U. Adlum - is not very legible.
Vou. #31 - Weight of casting procured from Budd Crate and Foundry Co.
Vou. #42 - Capacity in which MacDurney signs for Phillips & Jacobs.
Vou. #43 - Specification to identify with contract the fire brick covers purchased from Boulter Mfg. Co.
Sept.-Vou. #71 - Dealers quotation on cheesecloth purchased from Lit Bros.; it does not accompany voucher as stated.
Vou. #85 - F. A. Mitchell's quotation on 2d item of drills calls for 12 drills while the voucher carries 24; which is correct.
Vou. #88 - Voucher calls for crucibles without covers, as per specification of requisition, although quotation of Jno. M. Maris Co. apparently includes a charge for the covers; were the covers received.
Oct.-Vou. #150 - In favor of Cashier for proof coins; it is supposed that these were for the numismatic collection, although the voucher bears no indication of that - please advise me.
Vou. #158 and 167 - Coal from Greensburg Coal and Coke Co.; please forward copy of specification, or inform me as to its source, under which adjustment of price is made.

Judging from the abstract of articles manufactured during the September quarter and the records of the Bureau there are a number of accounts receivable which have not yet been billed; these should be kept up to date as closely as practicable.

Respectfully,

J. P. Drury.

Acting Director Mint.

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December 9, 1914.

Sir:

This will introduce Mr. Rodolfo Roth, Consulting Engineer and Professor of the University of La Plata, who has been appointed by the National Board of Sanitary Works of the Argentine Republic as Commissioner to visit this country for the purpose of conducting studies in various lines throughout the United States, and who wishes to see the various operations of the Mint.

Please have Mr.Roth shown through all departments and afford him full opportunity to become familiar with your equipment and methods.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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December 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be placed to your credit on account of profits on coinage:-

On account of subsidiary coinage, $222,522.07, and the increase of the bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

On account of minor coin, $65,000, and the increase of the Minor Coin account in like amount.

Respectfully,

A. B. Dunn

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th regarding imperfect nickels, one of which was enclosed:- The evidence of the blanking of the dies found in this coin has nothing to do with the word "Liberty". It is found in the occurance of a part of the word "unum" under the chin of the Indian and in an indentation in the back line of the buffalo. In other coins the words "pluribus" and "unium" are indistinct from this cause. The character of the design has absolutely nothing to do with these defects.

Your institution has turned out a very excessive number of blanked die coins, showing carelessness at the presses and the lack of proper supervision of the coins. Much more care should be exercised in your coining department to avoid this defect.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Representative of the Treasury Department in charge of the Mint exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is desirous of having Mr. Hewitt come to Washington for conference some time next week, as best suits your convenience and his. It is now the desire of the Department to have Mr. Hewitt leave for San Francisco early in January to install the exhibit and turn it over to the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint. All of his expenses, except his salary, will be paid from the exposition appropriation. I trust it will be convenient for you to spare Mr. Hewitt for this service.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills, as below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notations on face of vouchers:

Deadwood Assay Office,	mitts	- - - - - - - -	$2.93
Salt Lake do.	gloves and sleeves	-	9.62
San Francisco Mint,	fire mitts	- - - - - - - -	78.37
do	coin collars	- - - - - - -	47.45

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey

F Acting Director Mint.

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December 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay nickels from delivery No. 10 show an excessive variation of 4.95 grains in weight as follows:-

74.35	77.80
75.25	78.00
76.20	78.10
76.35	78.40
76.95	78.45
77.35	78.75 (2)
77.40	79.20 (2)
77.60	79.30
77.75	

Seven of these coins were struck on blanked dies and one on one blanked die.

Respectfully,

F. D. Leach,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to forward small pieces of nickel strips showing the hard spots mentioned in your letter of the 9th, taking the samples from half a dozen different melts of ingots, giving the melting record of each melt and indicating the location of the hard spots on each piece.

Respectfully,

C. A. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1914.

Sir:

The Bureau is advised by the Secretary's Office that upon the occasion of Mr. Siegfried's recent visit to the sub-treasury in Chicago, for the purpose of adjusting the automatic scales manufactured by you, he found it necessary to have sent from your Mint a scale to be used in his work there, and that the scale is still in the sub-treasury in Chicago. The Assistant Treasurer in Chicago now desires to retain the scale permanently, and to purchase it from your Institution. Will you please advise me of the type of the scale referred to, and also if it will be practicable or advisable for you to dispose of it to the Sub-treasury named.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Treasury agent of Wells Fargo & Co. has made inquiry as to when they may expect to receive payment for transportation of minor coin from your institution during the month of October. Bill in the sum of $293.37 covering same was forwarded you early this month.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

F

December 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant advising that you had an invoice of unparted bullion ready for shipment to the New York Assay Office. On account of the depleted condition of the appropriation for Freight on Coin and Bullion between Mints and Assay Offices, it has been decided to defer this transfer for the present. You will be advise when this shipment is desired.

Respectfully,

F. O. Drury.

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to direct that a memorandum be attached to the Daily Statement for the next week, showing the amount of unpaid orders for coin on the books at the close of business each day.

Respectfully,

F B Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 19, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Please mail today copy May nineteen fourteen report number and value of deposits.

Dewey
Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2--[illegible] The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 19, 1914.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a new form to be used by you in reporting purchases under the General Supply Schedule. Please destroy any of the old form that you may have on hand.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the U. S. Mint at Denver the following coinage dies for the year 1915:

5 pairs of half dollar dies.
5 pairs of quarter dollar dies.
10 pairs of dime dies.
10 pairs of nickel dies
10 pairs of one cent dies.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 21, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In addition to the dies of 1915 ordered for Denver on the 19th instant will you please direct that the following number be prepared:-

Half Dollars ------ five pairs.
Quarter " ------ five pairs.
Nickel dies ------ twenty pairs.
Cent dies ------ five pairs.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bills against the San Francisco Mint for asbestos mitts, $134.37, and coin collars and toggles, $222.76, also against the Denver Mint for coin collars, $50.79, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your appropriations to be credited as per notations on face of vouchers.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

F

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 23, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
" Assay Office, New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, Mint New Orleans, La.
" " Mint Carson, Nev.
" " Assay Office Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.

Afternoon of twenty-fourth and thirty first half holiday for all who can be spared.

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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December 26, 1914.

Mr. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:

This will introduce Mr. Charles S. Muir who represents the San Diego Exposition. He desires to consult you and the officers of the Mint in regard to an equipment for the coinage of souvenir medals, and other pertinent matter. Will you please give him all possible assistance, including a quotation on the preparation of the blanks necessary for the proposed souvenir medal.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to our conversation over the telephone to-day, you are hereby authorized to prepare and ship as expeditiously as possible one large coining press adapted to medals of the size of a double eagle or the silver dollar. This press is to be shipped to San Diego for use at the San Diego Exposition, shipping directions for which will be forwarded later. I have advised Mr. Muir, the gentleman who is in charge of the work to go over to Philadelphia for conference with you, and others, in regard to the preparations for the installation of this press, and other matters. Mr. Muir will probably reach the mint shortly after you have received this letter.

All the costs of shipping this press are to be borne by the Exposition Company, and you will, therefore, keep a careful account of all expenditures connected therewith.

A suitable bond has been required of the Exposition Company to insure the safe return of the press to your institution in perfect condition.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined, approved and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department your Bullion Account for the quarter ended September 30, 1914.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

B

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December 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 15.23 ozs. of silver reduced from chloride and would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for parting purposes.

Respectfully,

F. E. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. E. T. Montoulieu, Havana, Cuba, requesting to be advised as to the dimensions of our coins. It is assumed that the following dimensions, appearing in our Regulations, are correct, but I would be obliged to you to verify the same:

	Diameter. Inches	Thickness. Inches.
Gold:		
Double eagle	1.350	0.096
Eagle	1.060	.080
Half eagle	.846	.065
Quarter eagle	.700	.050
Silver:		
Half dollar	1.205	.082
Quarter dollar	.955	.065
Dime	.705	.051
Minor:		
Five cents	.835	.078
One cent	.750	.058

Respectfully,

J. P. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the coining press to be lent to the San Diego exposition you are hereby authorized to deliver the same to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for transportation in a special car to the following address:

The Panama-California Exposition Company,
San Diego, California.

It is understood that all expense connected with the transportation of the press is to be borne by the above named Exposition Company.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.S. If you have any influence with P R R I would be glad to have you ask them to rush this shipment.
F.D.

December 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Since writing the enclosed letter the Representative of the San Diego Exposition has called at the Bureau to request that your press be held until the arrival of a printing press from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in order that both presses may go forward from Philadelphia in the same car.

The Express Company will advise you upon arrival of the printing press in Philadelphia, so that you may be able to deliver your press to the Railroad Company simultaneously.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco as promptly as possible ten pairs of ten centavo dies and ten pairs of twenty centavo dies for 1915 coinage.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the American Metal Co., Ltd., for supplying your Mint with 50,000 pounds of screened shot or cube nickel at the rate of 38 cents per pound. It is understood that this is the only bid received from five bidders invited to quote on this nickel.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The special assay coins representing your nickel deliveries Nos. 12, 13, and 14 have been weighed here with the following results:-

12.	13.	14.
74.35	74.155	74.10
76.75	75.190	75.10
76.90 (2)	76.145	75.25
77.15	76.180	75.70
77.30	77.125 (2)	75.95
77.35 (2)	77.130	76.20
77.50	77.150	76.30
77.65	77.155	76.90
77.90	77.160	77.20 (2)
78.00	78.140	77.45
78.40	78.155	77.80
78.60	78.180	78.20
78.65	79.000	78.55
79.45	79.225	78.90
79.50	79.230	
	79.235	

Coins struck from blanked dies were shown as follows:

	Del. 12.	Del. 13.	Del 14.
1 Blanked Die	9	3	8
2 " Dies	2	7	

Respectfully,

F. D. Leach

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York advises the Bureau that he has on hand approximately 50,000 ounces of fine silver which he will be able to furnish your Mint by January 15th, and wishes to be advised if it would be satisfactory to you to have only the melt number and fineness stamped on the bars. This inquiry is made for the reason that the preparation of the bars would be facilitated. I will be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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San Francisco Mint

January 6, 1914 to December 29, 1914

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January 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name the sum of $18,000 on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your institution in like amount.

The Secretary's office has been requested to advise you by wire when this transfer is effected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

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January 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There appears to have been a mistake made on Selby deposit No. 133, assay No. 212, 213 and 214. On Form 39A the weight after melting is given in each case as greater than the weight before melting, and the value of the deposit was calculated on the heavier weights. These bars were in the settlement at the transfer from Mr. Leach to yourself, and they are entered on the settlement sheet at the lower weights, less a reasonable assay chip.

Apparently the Selby Company was over-paid about $57 on this deposit. I would thank you to look into the matter and report upon the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that under date of January 7, 1914, the Secretary of the Treasury approved the bond of Norman P. Webster of your institution in the sum of $2,000. Date of bond December 24, 1913, with the Southwestern Surety Insurance Company as surety.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the letter from your Mint dated May 16, 1913, stating that you had on hand $38,900, in "Buffalo" nickels struck from the original die, I beg to request that you advise the Bureau how many of these coins you still have on hand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this Bureau, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint,

FPD.

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Jan. 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of coinage dies and machine parts from Philadelphia to your institution Nov. 7, 10, 13 and 18th, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $31.45.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter recommending that State Holidays including the Saturday half day be granted to all employes in the Mint (presumably without loss of pay) has been received. This proposal has been up several times and has never been adopted because, after informal conferences with the Comptroller of the Treasury, I have had grave doubts as to the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to grant any holidays to per diem employes excepting those explicitly authorized by Act of Congress. If payment should be made for unauthorized holidays, and the action should be questioned and carried into the Courts with an adverse decision, the Superintendent of the Mint would undoubtedly be liable for such payments.

While I have little doubt as to what the opinion of the Comptroller will be, I have to-day addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury asking that the matter be submitted to the Comptroller for a formal opinion.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 8th instant I have this day requested the Civil Service Commission to expedite the rating of those who took the examination for the position of engineer. The Chief Examiner for the Commission has promised to give the matter immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am returning herewith Forms 956a and b, December, 1913, and would thank you to fill in the figures for bars 992 and over in each case.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Under date of January 10th requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of January was approved in the following amounts:-

Salaries	$2,500
Wages of Workmen	5,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, The records show that Mr. Graham has been quite liberally treated in the way of promotions since he entered the Mint ten years ago. I have no idea that Secretary Lane would want him to be favored beyond any other deserving employe who did not happen to have an interested friend to write for him, but, of course, he should have whatever he is entitled to on his merits, as opportunity offers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample, for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $81,636.84 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and the increase of the Bullion fund of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant in regard to the purchase of a new pair of rolls has been received.

It is true that the price named by the representative of the Midvale Steel Company is much below the prices of steel rolls in former years, but it is not below the last purchase price at Philadelphia. In 1912 bids were invited at Philadelphia for six pairs of 10" steel rolls and bids were received as follows:-

F. R. Phillips & Sons Co., Philadelphia, ------$1175.00 per pr.
The Midvale Steel Company, " -------1450.00 " "
Bethlehem Steel Company, S. Bethlehem, Pa.-------600.00 " "
The Blake & Johnson Company, Waterbury, Conn., -1200.00 " "

The bid of the Bethlehem Steel Company was so much below any figure ever named for steel rolls before that we would have hesitated to make the award but for the unquestioned responsibility of the bidder. Since receiving your letter I have communicated with the Philadelphia Mint to learn how the rolls were doing and the reply is that they have proved very satisfactory.

It is to be considered, of course, that the former bid was $600 per pair for six pairs, while you propose to buy but one pair. However, in view of the fact that the Bethlehem Steel Company was the first one to make so big a break in the price of steel rolls, I think they are fairly entitled to have a chance for all Mint purchases.

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Moreover, the law requires competitive bidding wherever it is practicable. I would, therefore, suggest that you invite proposals from all of the parties named, and I would advise that each one be requested to supply two bids, one f.o.b. point of shipment, and the other covering delivery of the rolls to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Jan. 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of Jas. S. Hannon for transportation in New York of automatic weighing machine parts, Jan. 2, 1914, payable from your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 45¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

January 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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ilar letter to
Seattle, Boise, Helena, Deadwood and Salt Lake.

January 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Beginning with the 1st of January 1914, you are instructed to keep an account of your expenditures incurred in making assays for the General Land Office and for the Forest Service, keeping the two accounts separate, and to forward to the Bureau statements covering these expenditures at the end of each quarter. The accounts should cover labor as well as supplies.

It is intended to make a reasonable charge against the Agricultural Department and the Interior Department, based upon these statements, and they will reimburse your appropriation for your necessary expenditures upon this work.

I desire to keep this charge as low as is consistent with prope reimbursement to you, and I would suggest that as far as possible you run these ores in groups, and that you also advise the agents sending the samples in to send them in lots as far as they can, explaining to them that the more you have at one time the less the average cost will be.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase through Mr. J. W. Sittig of New York, agent for the Royal Berlin Porcelain Works, the porcelain goods required for your refinery, it being understood that there is but one dealer in the special class of goods from whom to obtain a bid:-

		Approximate cost.
3	Porcelain tanks 15" x 15" x 24" inside.	$102.50 each
24	" rods 17½" long.	2.20 "
72	Porous cells	5.50 "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

, January 22,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am forwarding to you today under separate cover a supply of revised Form 61.

Your attention is invited to "Alaska" which is divided into districts, the deposits from which I especially desire to have reported.

The data to be reported quarterly is as follows:-

The fine weight of each particular deposit of gold and silver as to its source, as heretofore reported;
The value of gold; the subsidiary and cost value of silver for the following totals:-
Total unrefined,-
Total domestic bullion,-
Total deposits,-
Total redeposits,-
Total bullion,-
The number of deposits,-

All other information called for, as shown by the printed headings, is to be reported at the close of each fiscal and calendar year.

Please destroy all of the old style Forms 61.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 24, 1914.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that the Bureau has this day been notified by the Civil Service Commission that authority is granted for changing the records to show the furlough of Miss Graney instead of her separation from the service by being dropped from the rolls on August 31, 1912. Miss Graney is now eligible for reinstatement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $45.40 on account of the special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau during the six months ended December 31, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

January 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant enclosing copies of letters received from Mr. J. W. Roberts, Supervising Superintendent of Public Buildings, and copy of your letter to Mr. Roberts have been received. I have to-day written another letter to the Supervising Architect supporting your representations.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

January 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter ofthe 20th instant relative to an improved lighting system around the Mint Building, I beg to advise you that the Supervising Architect informs this office that Superintendent Roberts of San Francisco has been directed to prepare specifications and take proposals for the installation of the necessary lamp standards.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am returning herewith for your files the papers in connection with the bond of indemnity executed by the Calaveras Consolidated Mining Company in favor of the late Edward Sweeny as Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six damples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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February 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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February 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Seattle Office is about to ship some old crucibles, etc., to the Selby Company where the shipment will be sampled; it has already been ground. The Selby Company will notify you when they are ready to do the sampling and I would thank you to detail one of your men to represent the Seattle Office at the sampling.

A part of the final sample will be delivered to your man and I will thank you to make a careful moisture determination and to assay it for gold and silver before forwarding it to Seattle. Especial care should be exercised to prevent, as far as possible, any change in the moisture contents of the sample while you are using it.

You will report the results of the work to this office and forward a copy of it to Seattle when forwarding the balance of the sample.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

Feb. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are advised that there has been deposited in the Treasury to your personal credit and to the credit of the appropriations noted below the sum of $1080.00, being the expense of manufacturing 36,000 pesos in 10 centavo pieces for the Philippine Government:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1914	- -	$ 720.00
Contingent Expenses do	---	360.00
		$1080.00

The amount was covered in by certificate of deposit #2805 dated Jan. 29, 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

Feb. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are advised that the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint estimates the cost of repair parts for automatic weighing machines ordered by you Nov. 18th last at $75.00. In this connection your attention is invited to Bureau's letter of Oct. 10th last.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

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Feb. 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of February has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expensew - - - - - -	5,000
	$20,000

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F

Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the subject of indemnifying bond in favor of Edward Sweeny as Superintendent on account of the bullion returned to the Calaveras Consolidated Mining Company in 1909, I beg to inquire whether this bond is in your custody as Superintendent of the Mint, or in the hands of Judge Sweeny's estate. I think the bond should be in your possession.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of $1,000 payable in 48.375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to your Institution from that Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

Feb. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as follows have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation:

Phila. Mint, Parts for automatics, Nov. 10, 1913	- -	$282.95
do Weigher's shears do	- -	50.16
U. S. Express Co., Assay coins to Phila. 1/3/14	- -	3.30
Wells Fargo & Co., Coinage dies from Phil. 12/3 & 19	-	9.61
Southern Pacific Co., Clay tile, etc. from Denver Nov. 1, 1913	- - - - - - - -	152.29

Bill of the General Electric Co. for electric materials as per your order #616 has also been forwarded for settlement, chargeable to your 1913 Contingent appropriation in the sum of $404.35.

Respectfully,

F. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

February 9, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Appointment Talbott and Donnelly, and transfer of Cawley approved effective date of oath.

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION 193
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2428

February 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of December 15, 1913, transmitting samples of Selby certificate bars, and stating that you would not be able to send samples of mint fine gold for some time:- I would thank you to state how soon you expect to be able to forward the samples of mint fine gold. I should much prefer to have you send these samples, but if it is going to be too long before you can I will have to ask some of the other institutions to do it. The assaying of the Selby samples is nearly completed and a report upon them will be sent you shortly. I wish to follow this by a similar report on assaying fine gold.

Respectfully,

F. E. Dewey.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day requested that the sum of $10,000 be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of one cent bronze and five cent nickel pieces, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Some explanation from you seems to be required in regard to your present method of dealing with the Selby fine gold deposits. On November 12, 1913, you wrote that you should insist upon the immediate melting of those bars and expected to cast them at once into certificate bars. Your amended report of loss on melting gold deposits for December, 1913, showed that you had received 119,959.19 of fine gold and had melted it with absolutely no loss. This is a most remarkable statement. Your assay reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1913, show that up to November 17th you received 35 Selby deposits upon which there were melting losses varying from .06 ounces up to 5.19 ounces, and gains varying from 1.13 ounces up to 4.43 ounces, with a net loss of 9.33 ounces. On November 19th you received Selby pot scrapings weighing 11.96 ounces. It is not clear whether these are your own pot scrapings of crucibles used in melting Selby deposits, but if they are it would make a net gain of 2.13 ounces on the Selby deposits from October 1, to November 17. If there was such a gain it would clearly indicate faulty weighing in the receiving room, and in any event the extreme variations shown in the gains and losses show poor work in the melting room.

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In the New York Office, where the plan of melting large depositors' metal in individually allotted crucibles is followed, the melting of 50 consecutive deposits of fine gold amounting to a trifle over 68,000 ounces showed a loss of 9,9 ounces, the highest individual loss being .87 ounces. There were no gains, although two cases showed no loss.

Since deposit No. 2007 on November 18, 1913 the Assayer's report gives only a single weight on Selby bar deposits, and this is stated to be the weight before melting. It is questionable if the Auditor will pass these purchases on the weight before melting.

I would be glad to hear from you fully on this matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scrap material representing the samples of five melts of Selby deposits forwarded by you December 15, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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February 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing scrap material from the samples representing Selby certificate bar melts 1, 4, 6, 10 and 13.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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February 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $3,561.50, the value of coins reserved from the coinage of your Mint during the calendar year 1913, for test by the Annual Assay Commission, and now in the custody of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia:-

Gold -------	$3,360.00	
Silver ------	181.50	$3,561.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Treasurer of the United States to authorize you to deliver to the Government of the Philippine Islands 78.84 fine ounces of silver having a value of $62.51 in exchange for a like amount of silver contained in Philippine coins reserved for test by the annual assay commission, delivered to and now in the possession of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant you are advised that there has been deposited to your credit and to the credit of the appropriations indicated below the charges on 50,000 pesos in 10 Centavo pieces delivered for shipment to Manila on Dec. 4th.

The amount was deposited Jan. 9, 1914, by C/D #2161, but the certificate has never reached the Bureau and has apparently been lost. The matter has been adjusted today and you should take the item into your accounts for the current quarter.

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1914	- -	$1,000
Contingent Expenses	do - -	500
		$1500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant relative to the method of dealing with Selby deposits is at hand. It is true, as you say, that the present method of handling Selby bullion is a modification of both previous methods, and, in my opinion, an improvement upon both. It seems to me, however, that it is possible to go a little further and bring the practice into complete harmony with the general rules applied to all depositors. At present the Selby bullion escapes all the melting losses, and is more favorably treated in this respect than any other bullion. This was true, also, under one of the previous methods, and the justification has been that the policy was not adopted as a favor to the Selby Company, but because it effected an economy in mint operations. Heretofore, however, when this bullion was not melted at once it was laid away and melted at the convenience of the Mint; you have improved upon this by having it run into certificate bars at once and, as I understand it, final payment is not made until after this melting has taken place. In view of the adoption of this plan I beg to inquire why settlement may not be made upon the assay and weight after melting instead of upon the assay and weight before melting.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose .5 oz. silver reduced from the chloride to balance the account for Philippine special assay coins for six months ending December 31, 1913.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint .

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Feb. 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:

Phila. Mint, automatic feeds for small presses - $384.90
U. S. Express Co., dies to Phila. Jan. 2d - - - 24.35

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

F

Director of the Mint.

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February 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold and to have the silver determined in duplicate on each sample by cupellation, by the cadmium sulpho cyanate method and by the cadmium salt Gay-Lussac method and then to determine the silver in the cupellation buttons by the cadmium sulpho cyanate method, reporting all the results obtained to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for supplying your Mint with the following furniture:-

2 desks
2 desk chairs
6 office chairs
2 filing cabinets.

Please forward the synopsis of bids, together with your recommendations, to the Bureau when authority to purchase will be given you.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

February 28, 1914.

The Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 21st instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Midvale Steel Company, amounting to $690, for supplying your Mint with one pair of 9" x 10" steel rolls, the price to be for rolls f.o.b. Philadelphia. The Quartermaster will be requested by this office to receive the rolls from the Midvale Steel Company for shipment to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are advised that the report of the inventory committee, dated Oct. 29, 1913, copy of which was sent you Nov. 11, 1913, has been adopted.

Steps should be taken at once toward the numbering of all articles in your institution, in order that the work may be complete by the end of the current fiscal year. The forms will be sent you as soon as printed. Please advise me as to the number of cards you will require.

As considerable work is involved in the numbering, enough employees should be detailed thereto to have it completed and inventory prepared in accord therewith, for checking by the annual settlement committee.

The inventory should include all articles in the institution, even though they may have little or no sale value; if they are being used they are of value to the institution; and if not being used and of no usable value to us, should be listed as "discarded" and recommendation made for their disposition.

Please advise me monthly as to the progress being made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Seattle reports that he has on hand an over-supply of nitre purchased some years ago when the receipts of that office were largely in dust and the consumption of nitre was much larger that it is at present when their receipts are mainly in bars. He advises that part of it be sold. I beg to inquire whether you are using nitre in considerable amounts, and if so, about how much in the course of a year, and what price you are paying.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal..

Sir:

It is requested that whenever possible, as in the case of several purchases on a contract, all deliveries during a month by the same dealer be carried on a single voucher. This will lessen the work for all concerned and is in line with usual business practice of rendering monthly statements.

Voucher #39, Dec., favor C. W. Marwedel, carries delivery of 1 pr. dentist's pliers, while the proposal calls for 2 pr.; the lump price of these with other articles is $8.85. Please inform me concerning the discrepancy.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

By an oversight only one sample of the bullion was enclosed in my letter of the 28th ultimo. I now enclose the B sample of this bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

MF D.

March 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of March has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 2,500
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	5,000
	$17,500

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 12, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Authority granted to invite bids for minor coinage metal.

Roberts

Director.

Comt. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
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March 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this Office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would thank you also to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant relative to the Philippine Island Assay Coins, and the value at which they were transferred, I beg to say that Philadelphia has now taken the coins up at the value mentioned, $62.51, and I trust that it will be satisfactory to you to take up this value in order to clear your "Assay Coin Account".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 13, 1914.

Superintendant, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In future reports on form 936, Loss in Melting, retorts weighing less than 50 ozs., and losing 15 per cent or less may be grouped under one entry. Retorts weighing over 50 ozs., or losing 15 per cent should still be entered individually.

Respectfully,

J. P. Dewey,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $87,809.53 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and that the bullion fund of your institution be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt.

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose a sample of the bullion forwarded to you on the 28th ultimo and would thank you to have duplicate determinations of gold made on it by the following method: Alloy .5 gram with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of potassium and part the alloy in a mattrass in the regular way, reporting the weight of gold recovered to this Office.

Respectfully,

L. O. Howard,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are advised that there has been deposited to your credit by C/D #3844 dated March 9, 1914, and to the credit of your appropriations, the sums indicated below, on account of manufacture of Philippine coin:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1914 - -	$3880
Contingent Expenses, do - -	1940
	$5820

Respectfully,

F. D. Drury.
acting Director of the Mint.

F

March 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Wells Fargo & Co., Express, transportation coinage dies from Philadelphia Jan. 6, 1914 - - - - - $5.75
U. S. Express Co., trans. proof gold from Philadelphia Feb. 11, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1.50
Southern Pacific Co., trans. crucibles from Jersey City, Dec. 12, 1913 - - - - - - - - - - -223.88
Revenue Cutter Service, 2 National ensigns received by you Mar. 9, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - 17.40

Encumbrance has been set up against your contingent appropriation in the sum of $210.00, the estimated cost of 8 sets of coin collars and four collar ring toggles recently ordered for your institution from the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD

March 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample for gold and to have duplicate determinations of gold made by alloying .5 gram of bullion with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of potassium and part the alloy in a nattress in the regular way, reporting all the results to this office

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

EFD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 406

March 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to advise you that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to prepare and forward to you as early as practicable two complete ratchet feeds with single gears attached, for cutting presses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 19th transmitting assay results:- I enclose more of this bullion and would thank you to repeat these determinations, but to wrap the .5 gram of sample in about a gram of thin lead foil before putting it into the scorifiers and crucibles, to alloy it with cadmium.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt

Acting Director of the Mint.

, March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of Form 976 "Superintendent's Settlement", Form 900 "Melter and Refiner's Settlement", and Form 901 "Coiner's Settlement", for the purpose of revision by the officers of your Mint, which you will please have returned to this Bureau, if convenient, on or before April 15th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

A.E.K.

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March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of the enclosed letters from the Denver Mint and they are commended to your attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

March 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Hon. J. D. Post, House of Representatives, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the transfer of a watchman, now employed at the Agricultural Department in this city, to your institution. Without wishing to put any pressure upon you in the matter whatever, I submit the letter to you to learn your attitude upon the request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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March 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been placed to your credit by C/D #4191 dated March 25, 1914, the sums indicated below in payment for 20, 10 and 1 centavos manufactured for the Philippine Government:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1914	- -	$5,512
Contingent Expenses, do	- -	2,756
		$8,268

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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March 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint.,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Penna. R. R. Co., dies returned to Phila. Jan.2/14 - $ 4.01
Western Pacific Ry. Co., clay tile from Denver,
received by you Feb. 6, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - 31.41

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the authority forwarded to you this day for advertising for proposals for supplies for the next fiscal year I beg to say that proposals for supplying graphite goods will be invited by the Bureau.

Will you please forward a list of all graphite goods which you estimate will be needed by your office during the fiscal year 1915.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith authority for you to advertise for proposals for furnishing your institution with supplies during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, which you desire to purchase under contract.

The experience of the past year justifies the action in reducing the number of contracts and it seems desirable to continue to pursue that policy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold. reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would thank you to forward also the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch shwoing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

FPD.

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April 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th ultimo relative to the present method of Selby deposits has been received and considered. I was led to urge the payment of these deposits upon the after-melting weight because I understood that you were not actually making payment until after the melting had occurred. Under these conditions I am even yet not clear as to the obstacles which prevent basing the settlement upon the after-melting weights. However, the matter does not seem to be of sufficient importance to warrant the additional expenditure and embarrassment which, according to your statement, would be entailed, and I will leave the subject to be dealt with at your discretion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

We have occasional complaints from depositors to the effect that our price for silver partings is too low. The price is fixed from time to time with a view to having it approximate the market price of silver, but enough below to keep on the safe side of the daily fluctuations. The critics usually base their complaints upon the fact that it is below the New York market, or, below the price at which we are buying fine bars upon publicly invited tenders.

It is evident that there is in every market two prices; to-wit: a bid and an asking price; the price at which smelters buy from producers and the price at which the smelters sell. The price which we pay for fine bars upon publicly invited tenders is the smelter's asking price, and I am interested to know upon what basis they buy silver from the producers, and what distinct relation it has to the New York or London quotations. Do they, in their contracts with producers, fix a basis of purchase, and does it indicate any subdivision of the

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margin between what they pay the producer and the New York market? That is to say, is there any distinct allowance or commission for handling the metal, or for transportation charges to market as distinguished from treatment charges? In short, is there any way for us to find out how much the smelting companies charge the producers, over and above treatment charges, for handling and marketing silver.

If you can give me any information upon this subject I will greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample for gold and to have duplicate determinations of gold made by alloying .5 gram of bullion with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of pottassium and parting the alloy in a mattrass in the regular way, reporting all the results to this office.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Civil Service Commission has requested the Bureau to procure from you reports from the District Secretary of the Civil Service Commission certifying to the regularity of the nominations for reemployment of the following named persons: F.J. Healy, Thomas Caveney, Norman P. Webster, Henry J. R. Meroux and William E. Pollock. Will you kindly forward a certificate in each case to the Bureau for transmission ot the Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco,, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of April has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	10,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau at your early convenience of the number of each size of coin bags used by you during; the calendar year 1913. This information is desired by the Secretary's Office for consideration when awarding the contract for bags for the coming fiscal year. The number used by you during the past calendar year will be a sufficient guide.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

R. D. Drury.
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding two copies of report of a committee representing the Bureau, the Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office, appointed to perfect our cost system and prepare forms for annual reports.

The committee's report has been adopted and the plan will be operated during the next fiscal year; reports for the fiscal year 1915 will be prepared in accordance with the accompanying forms.

In order that the system may be in as good working order as possible by the first of July it is desired that it be put into operation on May 1st and that the cost report for May be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau as soon as possible after the close of that month. It is expected that the printed forms for the cost system (Nos. 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 incl.) will be ready for use by May 1st.

The clerk given charge of this work should be a competent one and should receive your hearty support in the securing of required information and in its preparation to accord with the plan as outlined. After he has become familiar with the plan, by study, and before it is put into operation, he should be directed to make an inventory of the "work in process" (incomplete jobs) to be used as the starting point of the new system. He should also make a tour of the building, with authority to see that such supplies as are found to be on hand, not in the custody of the storekeeper and not to be actually used on the job against which they have been charged (thus forming a part of the inventory of the "work in process"), be returned at once to the custody of the storekeeper. The careful and accurate handling of stores and stores charges is positively necessary to the successful operation of any cost system, and if stores are available for use without being charged through the regular channels a great deal of trouble will be experienced in making reconciliation at end of year.

The cost clerk will doubtless need assistance, at least for the first few months while the system is being installed. Such reassignment of the clerical force as is necessary should be made to provide this. Probably the work of clerks to heads of departments will be lessened in some instances and the department heads will be able to get along with a clerk for part of the time only.

It is realized that anything so complicated as a cost system is difficult of clear and accurate description in all its details, and if careful study and frequent reference to the report of the committee do not provide a clear understanding of the procedure the Bureau will be pleased to co-operate by endeavoring to answer such questions as may be submitted.

As suggested by the committee, constructive criticism is invited as it is desired to secure the best possible results with the least work.

Respectfully,

Director of the B[illegible].

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April 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. for transportation of a box of feed attachments for weighing machines, 135 lbs., from Phila. to New York, enroute to your institution, Dec. 26, 1913, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 25¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communication of the 9th instant forwarding recommendations for the removal of D. L. Noggle and James Mix is at hand. It has been the policy of the Bureau to treat old and worthy employes with all reasonable consideration. The fact that after many years of faithful service to the Government they have reached an age which precludes their obtaining employment elsewhere in itself gives them a fair claim to such treatment. Major Noggle has held his present position for nearly 40 years and, if I am not mistaken, has a record of active service in the civil war. Of course, he cannot be granted leave with pay in excess of the provisions of the regulations, but ample discretion is allowed you to carry him on the rolls without pay so long as there is reasonable probability that he may be able to return to duty. If you are satisfied that there is no probability of his being able to resume his duties, or if there is a pressing need that the place shall be filled, the customary and preferable procedure is to procure his resignation in order that he may retire from the service with a clear record. I presume that if you, or the chief clerk, would have an interview with Major Noggle and present the situation he would prefer to follow this course rather than have the records show his removal, and I suggest that you follow this plan.

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A retirement from the service by resignation allows of reinstatement at any time within a year without an examination and this in itself softens the severity of the action which, for the good of the service, you find it necessary to take.

The letter addressed to you by Mr. Mix is in effect a resignation, and will be treated so by the Bureau. Please make your record correspond.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 7th transmitting assay results I enclose .7 gram more of No. 21 as the result reported evidently met with an accident.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 6th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Rucker-Fuller Desk Co., amounting to $439.20, for supplying your office with two desks, two chairs, and six office chairs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scraps for samples representing Selby certificate bar melts Nos. 57, 62, 67, 72 and 76 and mint fine gold melts Nos. 87, 92, 97 102 and 107.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the sample for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

April 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have this day purchased from the American Metal Company Ltd., 52 Broadway, New York, 100,000 pounds of screened "X" Brand Metallic Nickel Shot at the rate of $35.80 per 100 lbs. The shipment will go forward in two weeks and will be delivered to you on Government B/L. The price above named is for nickel f.o.b. New York, and the Quartermaster U. S. A. will direct the shipment out of New York, via Galveston.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20,1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of deposits, Form 61, for the calendar year 1913, I find, according to your bullion accounts as rendered the value of the gold deposited to be $49,129,976.92 and I have therefor, reduced the value of gold contained in jewelers' bars, etc., to $234,263.38.

I notice that you report under the heading "Refinery Product", 44,811.09 fine ounces in silver as the product of your refinery. I do not understand this entry, as it has been the practice, when a bar of your own make was returned to the mint as a deposit, it was classified as a redeposit and reported accordingly.

I desire to be informed of the cost value of the silver deposits and redeposits, separately, covering the above named period.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of some time since recommending the observance of the several State holidays at the Mint, and the allowance of the Saturday half holiday throughout the year, I beg to say that the subject has had careful consideration and the Secretary of the Treasury has concluded that the situation does not warrant him in taking such action at this time.

The request for these additional holidays is urged chiefly upon the ground that other branches of the Treasury service in San Francisco are now enjoying them. It is true that it has been customary for many years for the sub-treasuries and customs houses and other divisions of the service where the employment is chiefly that of office work, and business is done directly with the public, to observe the regular bank holidays. This came about because experience showed that when the banks were closed the public transacted but little business with these government offices, and it seemed unnecessary and therefore a hardship to keep these employees on duty with no work for them to do. In some instances, however, there are offsets to these favors, notably in the customs service at New York, Boston and Philadelphia, where ordinarily the employees are restricted to two weeks vacation during the year, and many are required to be on duty Sundays and the regular holidays when the arrival

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or departure of ships requires their presence. The general policy has been to be as liberal with the employees as was practicable without inconvenience to the public, and without unduly increasing the cost of the service.

The additional holidays in question are not observed in any of the industrial establishments of the Government. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing in this city is a bureau of the Treasury Department employing several times as many people as the entire mint service, and it observes only the regular holidays fixed by federal statute, and the Saturday half holidays in July, August and September, authorized by executive order and observed throughout the mint service. The government printing office in this city is another industrial institution employing several times as many people as all of the mints and which observes only the holidays now allowed to the mints. The arsenals in the War Department, and the navy yards in the Navy Department are industrial establishments upon the same basis. If the argument for the mints was allowed it could not well be denied when offered in behalf of these services, and the application to them would seriously increase the cost of the work they are doing, and probably have the effect of restricting their operations. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing in manufacturing stamps for the Post Office Department is obliged to make a showing of efficiency in competition with private bidders, and could not afford to carry so serious an addition to its costs. A strong effort is being made, supported by the friends of organized labor to have more of the government's naval construction done in its own shipyards, and this policy is promoted by a display of the Government's ability to do such work on practically the same basis of costs as it can be done under contract. The same consideration applies to the work in the arsenals. While the work done in the mints is not done in competition with outside bidders it is evident that an enlargement of the general rule as to holidays in the mints would have direct bearing upon the management of these other government

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establishments. The mints are industrial institutions; the work of the melting and refining and coining departments can go on as well upon Saturday afternoon as at any other time, and is not affected by the fact that the banks are closed.

It must be borne in mind that Congress has definitely reserved to itself the authority to determine upon working conditions throughout the government service. It has specified certain holidays which shall be observed and for which regular employees shall be paid as for working days, these holidays being January 1, February 22, May 30, July 4, December 25, and the days known as Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. It has also fixed the hours of labor and made definite provision for vacations and sick leave. While the authority vested in the President and heads of departments empowers them to modify or add to these statutory provisions by closing the public offices at other times and occasions for special reasons, the Secretary is of the opinion that any sweeping change in the system of holidays should be made by act of Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scrap from certificate bar melts 81 - 99 from Selby deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.D.

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April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your Mint of the sum of $1,000 payable in 48.375 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to you from the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

Owing to unsatisfactory conditions in the Bureau laboratory our assays of certificate bar melt No. 91 from Selby deposits are not considered reliable. Eight samples from this melt were submitted to the Philadelphia Mint and the New York Assay Office, and they reported as follows:-

	Philadelphia	New York.
G. 1	995.2	.3
	.1	.2
G. 2	.2	.3
	.1	.2
1234. 1	.1	.3+
	.1	.3
1234. 2	.3	.3+
	.2	.2+
1239. 1	.4	.4+
	.4	.5+
1239. 2	.3	.5
	.2	.5
1249. 1	.3	.5
	.2	.5
1249. 2	.4	.5+
	.4	.4

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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, April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your memorandum of the value of bar 516 contained in shipment No. 113 from the Carson mint, in which you reported the assay fineness of the gold at .669 and of the silver at .374, although the report from the Carson office states it as .569 for the gold and .377 for the silver. I will thank you for an explanation of this difference between the above mentioned finenesses.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of a bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample for gold and to have duplicate determinations of gold made by alloying .5 gram of bullion with 2 grams of cadmium under cyanide of potassium and parting the alloy in a nitrique in the regular way, reporting all the results to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FFD.

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April 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

When I was in San Francisco last year I arranged with Mr. Hawkins to inaugurate a system of keeping track of melting deposits into anodes. Later when in Denver I made a similar arrangement there. We now have a lot of data from Denver and if you have any satisfactory figures I would be glad to have you forward them so that I may compare them with the Denver reports. We are now getting monthly reports from Denver on the subject. Of course these reports are not absolute as they cannot include the metal in the sweeps, but they give a good illustration of the work in the melting room.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S? Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The appropriation bill carrying the funds for the support of the Mint Servicehas passed the House without any provision for the assay offices at Deadwood, Helena, Boise, Salt Lake City and Carson City, and unless the bill is amended in the Senate these offices will be discontinued at the end of the current fiscal year. In view of this situation the Bureau is in receipt of several communications from employees in these offices expressing a desire to remain in the Mint Service, and asking for a transfer to one of the Mints. Some of these men have given excellent service and have fair claims to consideration, and this applies particularly to those in the assay departments. In order to know what it may be practicable to do in the way of taking care of such employees I beg to inquire whether the conditions in your institution are such that you could conveniently take one or more of them. I will mention particularly the case of Mr. Charles Gammon, now Assayer in Charge at the Office at Salt Lake City. He is well equipped for service in your assay department and has expressed a desire to have employment there if practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your requisition for the purchase of 10,000 pounds of nickel for the minor coinage I beg to say that owing to a clerical error made in this Bureau 100,000 pounds of nickel were accepted from the American Metals Company. This Company made a rate of $35.80 on the basis of a sale of 100,000 pounds. Upon attention being called to the error the Company was requested to consent to an alteration of the acceptance, and I have accepted 25,000 pounds of nickel for your Mint at the same rate as that made for the 100,000 pounds. It is believed that this amount will not be excessive, and your minor coinage metal fund is sufficient to cover the cost. The metal will be forwarded by the Quartermaster on Government B/L.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

At the request of Mr. Martin I am forwarding a small platinum dish for his use.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

April 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On April 24, 1913, Mr. Leach as superintendent of the Mint addressed a letter to the Bureau enclosing three claims of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company covering the period from the 1st of July 1905 to the 1st of May, 1908, amounting to $5866.10, the claim of the Company being that by error they had charged and collected for only one-half of theconsumption during this period. correspondence followed which includes a letter from the Bureau dated April 30, 1913, a letter from Mr. Leach dated May 7, 1913, with which he forwarded a statement by Mr. Marshall, assistant superintendent of machinery. The original letter from Mr. Leach was accompanied by several letters from the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, and also a letter by Mr. Frank E. Smith of F. E. Smith and Company, who, at the request of Mr. Leach had made a test of the meters. The correspondence and facts as related appear to support the claim of the Gas & Electric Company that an error had been made in reading the meters during the period named, and that the Company was entitled to payment for the current consumed and not at the time charged for.

The appropriation against which this claim would be a proper charge having expired by limitation and lapsed to the Treasury, a special appropriation would be required for its payment. It was

impracticable to present this claim a year ago as the regular session of Congress had adjourned, and that body in special session was indisposed to take up any business other than that for which it was specially convened. It is desirable now to deal with the matter, and if the claim is a just one to have an item to cover it inserted in the annual deficiency bill.

I will thank you to review the facts of the case and give me your views upon it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Attention is invited to the deduction by the Congress of $200.00 for stationery, from your current contingent appropriation. This should be carried as an expenditure.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your telegram of the 28th instant I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been requested to forward to you ten pairs of nickel dies. The Superintendent at Philadelphia has been further requested to hasten the order for double eagle and eagle segments, together with toggles for the same, which were ordered by the Bureau on March 9th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Minor Coinage Metal Fund of your institution be increased in the sum of six thousand dollars ($6,000) to enable you to make payment for metal recently purchased.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

With reference to the cost system and inventory you are advised that the cost of patterns should be charged to the original job for which they were made and a schedule of the patterns kept, a copy of the schedule to accompany the inventory, but without valuation. While some patterns have value for continuing use, this frequently is a matter of much uncertainty at the time they are made, and many are never used but once; it is therefore considered advisable to treat all alike.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Mr. Clifford Howitt, foreman of machinists in the Philadelphia Mint, is in conference with the Government Board having in charge the Treasury exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and has prepared for it a floor plan for the mint exhibit corresponding to similar exhibits in other Expositions. While as I wrote you some time ago it is my idea that you should be in charge of the exhibit, it has been necessary to go ahead here with the plans for it, and I think it will probably be desirable to have Mr. Howitt, on account of his experience in such matters, go to San Francisco and install the exhibit, turning it over to you in running order. The Government Board has indicated its wish that this be done.

Relative to the four pieces of equipment which you advised the Bureau that you were not able to supply, the Philadelphia Mint has submitted the following estimate of cost, to-wit:-

One upsetting machine	$827.42
One 6 ft. balance	1600.00
One coin drying machine	650.00
One coin reviewing machine	554.08

It seems quite probable that after the exhibit is over it will be better policy to transfer all of this equipment to the San Francisco Mint than to return it to Philadelphia. Please advise me whether, in your opinion, you will be able to purchase these articles out of your contingent fund for the fiscal year 1914-1915. In view of the fact that during the latter part of

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the year you expect to be running light in the Mint I have assumed that you could probably do this, but would like your opinion about it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following named firms for furnishing your Mint with supplies which will be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915:-

ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY.

Fuel Oil (For the period commencing July 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1914)	$0.92 bbl.

BRAUN KNECHT HEIMAN CO.

Nitric Acid, C. P. Alternating with Justinian Caire Co.	11.25 cwt.

L. BRIZZOLARA & SON.

Cumberland Coal	14.50 ton
Wellington Coal	8.95 ton

JUSTINIAN CAIRE COMPANY.

Nitric Acid C. P. Alternating with Braun Knecht Heimann Co.	11.25 cwt.
Ferrous Sulphate	19.00 ton.

ENTERPRISE FOUNDRY CO.

Plain castings, no cores	.04 lb.
Moulds	.05 lb.
Cored castings ---50 lbs. or over,	.05 lb.
Cored castings ---less than 50 lbs.	.06 lb.
Machinery castings, 50 lbs. or over	.045 "
Machinery castings, less than 50 lbs.,	.05 "

GENERAL CHEMICAL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

Nitric Acid, 38° B	5.15 cwt.

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METROPOLITAN LAUNDRY CO.

Washing bags	$0.02	each
" rollers,	.02	"
" rags	.01	"
" hand towels	.01	each

NATIONAL ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO.

Ice	10.00	ton

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO.

Gas. First 100,000 cu. ft., monthly use	.75	ft.
Next 200,000 " " " "	.70	"
Next 300,000 " " " "	.65	"
All over 300,000 " " " "	.60	"

Electric Power; based upon maximum demand:

1 KWH to 62½ KWH inclusive, rate	.03	KWH.
62½ KWH to 100 KWH "	.02¾	"
100 " " 140 " "	.02½	"
140 " " 180 " "	.02¼	"
180 " and over	.02	"

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Fuel Oil (For the period commencing January 1, 1915 and ending June 30, 1915.)	.92	bbl.

STAUFFER CHEMICAL CO.

Hydrochloric Acid	1.65	cwt.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
May 6, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
TO Assayer in Charge, Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " Mint, New Orleans.
" " Assay Office Seattle, Washington.
" " " " Helena, Montana.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.

On and after Thursday May seventh pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-nine cents per fine ounce.

Director.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

May 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been covered into the Treasury by C/D #5167 dated May 5, 1914, the sums indicated below; the amounts have been placed to your personal credit and to the credit of the appropriations indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1914	-	$3,793.04
Contingent Expenses, do		1,896.52

The above is in payment for manufacture of Philippine coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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May 7, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of May has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$2,500
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - -	7,500
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - - -	5,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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, May 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the information contained in your letter of April 27th, I have changed your deposit statement for the calendar year 1913 by reducing your figures reporting the silver deposits of private refiners to 610,334.09 fine ounces and increasing the redeposits of mint bars to 44,872.48 fine ounces, as follows:-

		Fine ounces.		Fine ounces.
Deposits:-				
Refiners' bullion,	from	655,145.18	to	610,334.09
Total,	"	789,983.16	"	745,173.07
Total deposits,	"	1,235,970.44	"	1,191,159.35
Redeposits:-				
Mint bars,	"	61.39	"	44,872.48
Total redeposits,		14,343.59		59,154.68

Please furnish the cost value of the revised deposits and redeposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.

May 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation.

Adams Express Co., assay coins to Phila.	Apr. 4/14	$9.30
Wells Fargo Express Co., parts for automatics from Philadelphia	March 19, 1914	.80
Dies from Phila.	Feb. 26	2.42
do	March 27	3.33

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 4th instant, and for the reasons given, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Wentworth and Boyce Inc., for supplying your Mint with two filing cabinets as follows:-

Item No. 1 (Alternate Bid) ------ $190.00

Item No. 2 ---------- 124.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In preparing the floor space for the Mint exhibit in the Panama Pacific Exposition a space has been provided for a showing of the electrolytic refining process. I am not clear as to just what kind of an exhibition of this process it may be practicable to make. It is a feature which has never been included in our mint exhibits heretofore, hence no scheme has been worked out. I am enclosing herewith a communication from the representative of the Treasury Department upon the Government Exposition Board which explains itself. I wish you would consider the question and determine whether or not it is feasible to attempt to show the refining process, and if so prepare the scheme for occupying the allotted space.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant relative to oak floors for the offices of the Superintendent, I beg to say that the cost of the floors would be a charge against t an appropriation under the control of the Supervising Architect. I would suggest that you consult Mr. Roberts, the representative of the above named officer in your city, and direct him to make report; to the Supervising Architect that his approval may be obtained for the expenditure.

Your requisition for rugs will be approved by the Bureau upon receipt of a synopsis of bids and your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for furnishing a carpet for the Superintendent's small office, and to submit a synopsis of the bids received, with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for supplying your Mint with One Ashton Improved Dead Weight Pressure Gauge Testing Set. and to submit to the Bureau a synopsis of the bids received, with your recommendation. Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to call for bids for supplying your Mint with One Peerless Motor Driven Hammer, with 150 lb. Ram, manufactured by Beaudry & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass., and to submit to this Bureau a synopsis of the bids received, with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to call for bids and to accept the proposal of the lowest bidder for erecting a wire partition and gate for certificate bar vault. As this partition is a temporary one payment for the same will be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1914. As the immediate erection of the partition is desirable it will not be necessary to submit the synopsis of bids received to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

U. S. Express Co., proof gold from Phila. Apr. 25th - $1.50
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., transportation parts for automatics from New York Jan. 3d - 1.94

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing one of the special assay coins representing Double Eagle delivery No. 15 for your inspection and return to this office. This coin weighs only 515.535 grains and is perilously close to the lower limit in weight.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EFD.

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May 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your payroll for the last half of March carries notation opposite the name of Paul Strauch "1 day lost". This is borne out by the amount paid, but there is nothing carried in the "deductions" column nor does the monthly report of absence and efficiency carry the absence. Please advise me concerning the discrepancy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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May 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $16,000 be deposited in the Treasury in your name on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin, and the increase of your Minor Coin Account in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name the sum of $65,447.90 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin, and the increase of the bullion fund of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please advise me of the capacity in which H. D. Stirm signs for the Ferry Sheet Metal Works, voucher #17, April.

With reference to your schedule of vouchers for the month of April, which carries the word "Supplies" in lieu of the more specific information as to what has been purchased, it is requested that you revert to the former practice in this respect; the April schedule has been amended in the Bureau. Where a voucher covers more than one purchase it will be satisfactory to the Department, if convenient to you, to show on the schedule the entire amount of the voucher in one sum; the order numbers could be entered in small figures, and the adjustments combined for each voucher.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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May 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to invite proposals for supplying your Mint with one No. 2, 7" x 8" Dodge Crusher, and to submit synopsis of bids received to this Bureau with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 18, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Have requested Civil Service Commission to prepare examination for Cahill. Letter follows.

Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:-

"Have requested Civil Service Commission to prepare examination for Cahill. Letter follows."

The Commission has been requested to expedite the preparation of this examination as much as possible. As practical questions have a weight of 60%, and experience 40% I am sure Mr. Cahill will have no difficulty in attaining the required average.

The promotions of Messrs. McCourtney, Hastings, Chittenden and Gilbert have been approved by me and this day forwarded to the Secretary for favorable action.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

To Superintendent Mint San Francisco, Cal. May 20, 1914.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge, Mint New Orleans, La.
" " Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Helena, Mont.

On and after Thursday May twenty-first pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-eight cents fine ounce.

Roberts

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1914.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

May 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 16th instant relative to the condition of M. E. Clarke, a helper, who is suffering from tuberculosis, I beg to say that undoubtedly you have a right to furlough Mr. Clarke if his presence in the Mint constitutes an element of peril to the health of other employees. There appears to be no printed regulation covering such a case, but we are advised by the Civil Service Commission that this may be done.

I have also had a telephonic conversation with the Public Health Service, and am advised that this service will have a competent member of its force in San Francisco visit the Mint and give you the benefit of his advice in the case. It is possible that he may be able to make some suggestion that will be of assistance to you in dealing with the case. I think it will be well to have him, while there, look over the sanitary conditions of the Mint generally, and give you any advice that may occur to him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please advise the Bureau if you have received the basket discharge guards for automatic weighing machines requested in your letter of March 26th to the Philadelphia Mint; Philadelphia advises that they were mailed you April 18th but that no acknowledgment has been received.

Upon receipt of your acknowledgment Philadelphia's bill for these and the parts acknowledged by your letter of March 25th will be forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $98.14.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

Roberts

BUSINESS.
DIRECT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 22, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Am having trouble getting scale repairer. Is your trouble with automatics? Answer.

Director.

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BUSINESS.
DIRECT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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May 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. A. Mint,,
San Francisco, Cal.,

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 12th enclosing report on mass melts: The occupation of your clerical force is noted and I have no desire to crowd the clerks but if you could state without excessive trouble the net gain or loss on gold and silver for the five months succeeding October, 1913, I would appreciate it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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May 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau has placed with the Philadelphia Mint an order for an upsetting machine and a 6 ft. balance for the Panama Pacific Exposition, and is assured that they will be ready for shipment on or about October 1, 1914.

The coin-drying machine is not built at the Mint, but manufactured by the Tolhurst Machine Works, Fulton St. and 6th Avenue, Troy, New York. The Bureau has taken up with this firm the matter of the purchase of a machine for the exhibit, and will communicate with you about it.

In a former communication we suggested that all of this equipment be paid for from your contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1914 - 1915, and after the close of the exposition to be transferred permanently to the San Francisco Mint. It has since occurred to me that if the orders are placed before the close of the present fiscal year they may be paid for out of the appropriation for this year, which I understand will be ample. This will get the payments out of the way and leave your appropriation for next year free

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for any emergency that may arise. The orders for the 6-ft. balance and the upsetting machine have already been placed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 22, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint
San Francisco California.

Scale repairer Denver Mint will leave Saturday night for San Francisco.

Roberts

Director.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 23, 1914.

TO

Ernest F. Moessner,
Care Mint San Francisco, Cal.

At the San Francisco Mint you will place yourself subject to the instructions of the Superintendent of the Mint and cooperate with him fully.

George Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
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May 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I advised you last night by wire that Mr. Moessner, the scale repairer of the Denver Mint, would leave this evening, May 23, for San Francisco. He has instructions to place himself subject to your orders. At this writing I have not yet received your letter forwarded on the day of your first telegram upon this subject, and am therefore without any other details of your trouble than have been given in your telegrams. Mr. Moessner is regarded as a competent scale man, and I trust will be able to solve your difficulties. Please advise me by wire as soon after Mr. Moessner's arrival as it may be practicable to estimate the situation, advising me as he progress, and about how long it will be necessary for him to remain.

Mr. Moessner's traveling expenses and subsistence expenses while in San Francisco will be made a charge against your Contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1914.

Mr. Ernest F. Moessner,
C/. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewi th one order on the Union Pacific Railroad Company for one 1st class ticket from Denver to San Francis co over the lines of that Company and of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Please attach your signature where indicated and return the order immediately to Mr. Annear, Superintendent of the Denver Mint for delivery t o the agent of the Railroad Company.

I am also enclosing r ailroad transportation order upon blank Company in your favo r to cover your return trip. I have left the name of the Company blank in order that you may select your own route which, of course, is subject to the condition that the co st must not exceed that over the most direct line of tr avel.

I am also enclosing; an order on the Pullman Company for sleeping car accommodations on your return.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

3 enclosures.

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May 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 19th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the W. & J. Sloane Company for furnishing carpeting, sewed, lined and laid, for the Superintendent's small Office, at the rate of $1.50 per yard.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Committee on Labor, House of Representatives, has submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his opinion a bill to regulate the hours of labor in the United States Government service, the provisions of which would (1) forbid the employment of any laborer, mechanic or other workman more than eight hours in any one calendar or more than forty-eight hours in any one week, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, by which is meant any sudden, unexpected happening demanding prompt action to avert imminent danger to life, limb, health or property, and (2) that where overtime is made under such conditions it should be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the regular compensation. A statement is requested from you about the probable effect of such an act upon the operations of your institution, and you are requested to give an opinion as to whether or not it would increase your operating expenses, and if so to what extent.

Please give a statement of the amount paid you for overtime during the last fiscal year, and the number of people so employed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

May 26, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, Carson, Nevada
" " " New Orleans, La.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.

On and after Wednesday May twenty-seventh pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-six cents ounce fine.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.
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May 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Again referring to the account of Paul Strauch, payroll for last half of March, and to your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that, notwithstanding the net result of Mr. Strauch's services for the month is one day extra (he having worked two days extra and lost one day), the report of absence and efficiency should carry the one day absent without pay. It is desired that the Bureau's records be complete rather than show net results.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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May 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scrap material representing certificate bar samples Selby 104 - 125, and Mint fine gold 113 - 132.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose six samples of mint fine gold and would thank you to have a single assay made on each sample for gold, reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

I would also thank you to forward the cupels used in making these assays, including the proof cupels, each cupel being carefully marked to show which assay or proof it belongs to, and a sketch showing the position of the cupels in the furnace.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 28th instant stating that the Automatic weighing machines are found to be unfit for work and that their operation has been discontinued until they can be overhauled, is at hand. If you think it advisable you may change over your coinage operations to minor coin. I presume, however, that the machines, when in order, will be able to soon catch up with the accumulated coinage, and it may not be advantageous to discontinue gold coinage. I think it best to do a considerable amount of gold coinage this year in view of the fact that not much will be done next year.

I do not contemplate having the annual settlement at your institution until in the fall.

Respectfully,

George E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am sending you under another cover a blue print showing the lay-out for the Mint exhibit in the Panama-Pacific Exposition as prepared for the Government Board by Mr. Hewett of the Philadelphia Mint. At the request of the Board he added the plan for the exhibit of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing which will adjoin the Mint exhibit.

I would be pleased to have you look over the plan and take note of the various pieces of equipment with a view to determining finally that everything needed has been provided for. The medal cases will be forwarded from Philadelphia, also the old coining press, 8000 ounce balance, upsetting machine, and coin drying machine. The pictures for the wall behind the exhibit, and the railing around the exhibit will also be provided from here. Kindly check up the other pieces of equipment and see if you will be able to supply them without interfering with such work at the

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mint as it may be necessary to carry on during the period of the Exposition.

I have marked the space allotted to the electrolytic refinery if it is concluded that it is desirable to make such an exhibit. Mr. Hewett informs me that they have at Philadelphia the patterns and tools for making a single arm strip shear and could build one for $250. It occurs to me that you may not be able to spare your machine and that probably it will be best to have a new shear made. Please write me your conclusions about this matter at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring again to the subject of the annual settlement I beg to say that it will be desirable for you to shut down the operative departments and make a clean-up at the close of the fiscal year for the purpose of determining the amount of wastage which has occurred since the last settlement, and that the same may be charged to your contingent appropriation for the year 1914. It will not be necessary to have representatives of the Bureau present for this purpose. You will be advised as soon as practicable of when the regular settlement under the auspices of the Bureau will take place.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, June 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

At the close of the present fiscal year you are requested to prepare and forward, as early as practicable, your report of operations for the entire year, to enable me to compile the data as published in my last report, (page 55).

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, June 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1914, with my approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 5, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Am endeavoring to arrange settlement some time this month. Will advise you further.

Roberts

Director.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 1st and 2nd instants enclosing premium receipts upon the bonds of Mr. M. A. Martin and Miss Laura E. Todd. The receipts have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your recommendation of the 1st instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Paine, Bailey & Company, amounting to $70.00, for furnishing your Mint with one Ashton Improved Dead-Weight Gauge Testing Set.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 1st instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works, amounting to $139.50, for furnishing your Mint with one 7" x 8" Dodge Rock Crusher, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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June 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your recommendation of the 1st instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Eccles & Smith Co., in the sum of $600.06, for furnishing your Mint with one 150 pound Ram, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of June has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 2,100
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - -	4,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - -	5,000
	$11,100

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 8, 1914.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Settlement will begin June fifteenth. Hinrichs of Denver in charge.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

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June 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find travel voucher of Mr. Moessner in the sum of $41.30, which you will please pay. His other expense vouchers, if in accordance with Travel Regulations published in Treasury Department Circular #50, Oct. 21, 1912, should also be paid by you. It is unnecessary that the vouchers should first be forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant with accompanying plan of exhibit for the electrolytic refining process at the Panama Pacific Exposition is at hand. The scheme of a dummy process as proposed seems to me commendable as the best method of showing the operations of the refinery with the minimum of risk. It will be for the members of the Exposition Company to provide you with proper security for the values. You cannot be expected to carry any personal risk in connection with the exhibit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose the scrap representing the special samples of Selby certificate bar melts Nos. 72, 76, 7, 9, 81 and 82. The remaining bar samples from your institution cannot be returned before your settlement, and the committee will have to allow for them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 13, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Advise Bureau of assay value of sweeps.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on a bove line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HEWE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 13, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to accept proposal Goldsmith for sweeps, amount six thousand thirty-three dollars.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.
2-6927

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June 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E. A. Walcott, Commercial Club of California, San Francisco, which will explain itself.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts.

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Quartermaster, U. S. A., amounting to $9.81 covering drayage charges on nickel delivered to your Mint, which is payable from your Minor Coinage Metal Fund Account.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $55,392.79 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin, and the increase of the bullion fund of your institution in like amount.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name the sum of $42,848.75 on account of the profit on the coinage of minor coin during the month of May, and the increase of the Minor Coin Account of your Mint in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your communications of the 11th instant relative to the transfer of Mr. R. C. J. Adney, and the promotion of George H. Seaver, are at hand. These recommendations are understood to be contingent upon the new appropriations being finally passed as they passed the House of Representatives, and they will accordingly be held until the appropriation bill comes along.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 11th instant I have this day requested the Washington agent of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company to direct the representative of that Company in your City to deliver to you one No. 520 Burroughs Calculating Machine at the rate of $156.36. The agent in your city will receive the usual commission for the sale.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

MERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

To Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Mints and assay offices closed at one Saturdays July August and September. Have written.

Roberts

Director

Cont Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

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June 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the duplicate contracts for supplies. The original contracts have been approved and forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury, together with the bonds accompanying them.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 17th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of W. & J. Sloane in the sum of $182.95 for supplying your officeswith rugs, this being the lowe.r of the bids received.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your formal recommendation for the furlough of M. E. Clarke has been approved by me and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for final action.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has been requested to take the necessary steps for an examination to create an eligible register from which appointment to the poisition of machinist in your Mint may be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN.

Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE

June 24, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to call for bids and purchase from lowest bidder one jointer and one water tool grinder.

Director.

Cont. Br. Mint Bureau, 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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June 25, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 24th instant is hereby confirmed:-

"Authorized to call for bids and purchase from lowest bidder one jointer and one water tool grinder."

The telegram was sent in response to your letter of the 18th instant. It is understood that the cost of the grinder will not exceed $75.00, and the cost of the jointer will not exceed $150.00, and that payment will be made from your appropriation for contingent expenses, 1914.

Respectfully,

George Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

June 26, 1914.

rintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Clarke's furlough approved effective July First.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

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T RATES.
ASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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other institutions except New York
and Philadelphia.

June 22, 1914.

Sir:

The following awards have been made to the firms named for supplying your institution with graphite goods during the fiscal year 1915, and you are requested to address these firms direct when in need of any of the articles enumerated, instructing them to forward your order on Government B/L. The prices given are f.o.b. point of shipment: The acceptances are subject to the understanding that if the goods delivered fail to give satisfactory service the agreement may be terminated by the Government as to the articles of that class:-

J. H. Gautier & Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

CRUCIBLES.

Nos.		
150	----------	$4.54
80	Denver spec.	2.64
70	----special----	2.64
35	----------	1.30
35	bottom pouring	1.45
14	----------	.45
12	----------	.41
10	----------	.38

COVERS.

45	----------	.34
40	----------	.30
30	----------	.25
12	----------	.12
6	----------	.06

Dipping Cups.

No. 2 ---------- .24

Skimming Cups. No. 1 ---- .22

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RINGS

4"	$0.50

HORNS .54

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company.

Crucibles.

Nos.	
100	3.38
80	2.82
"specification"	
70 regular	2.50
50	1.85
45	1.58
40	1.47
30	1.08
20	.75
8	.35
6	.33

Covers.

150	.88
100	.63
80 "special.	.57
80 "special. Denver	.57
80 ring handle-	.57
70 "special"	.51
70 regular	.44
50	.37
20	.18
22"	3.38

Dipping Cups

No. 1	.25
3	.25
4	.31
1 "special"	.29
5 extra	.35

Rings

2"	.28
2" for 70 special	.25

STIRRERS.

Round	$0.75
Spoon	.28
"O"	.18
8"	.17
15"	.25
Straight	.22
Bell Cup	.75

R. B. Seidel Inc.,
1322 - 24 Callowhill Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

CRUCIBLES.

No. 70 "Special" Philadelphia,
4" ring made part of ——— $3.20 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal. June 30, 1914.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " Mint New Orleans, La.

Joint resolution provides sum equal to twenty-fourth of appropriations for ~~xx~~ nineteen fourteen for first half July.

Roberts

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 2, 1914.

L. Magruder

Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Cannot forward funds until account is received and approved.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau ~~1914~~ 1915.

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses July 1 to 15, 1914, has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries, Mint at San Francisco, 1915	- - - -	$2,000
Wages of Workmen	do - - - -	5,000
Contingent Expenses	do - - - -	1,600
		$8,600

Until final passage of the appropriation law additional funds will be advanced without your making formal request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia May 4 and 12, 1914, coin collars and toggles May 8, 1914, and test weights from Denver May 23, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $14.49.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the services of Mr. E. F. Moessner, detailed from the United States Mint at Denver for the inspection and report of weighing machines and scales in your institution. I have also received a full report from Mr. Moessner upon his work there. It is evident that you were entirely justified in requesting the services of an expert from another institution. I trust that his visit, with the instructions he has given to your employes, will result in a better condition in this department of the work permanently.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Chief of the Secret Service relative to defective five-cent nickel pieces made at the San Francisco Mint.

I find that no instructions have ever been issued for the forwarding of samples of the minor coins to this Bureau, after the long established practice as to the silver and gold coins. We, therefore, have not been familiar with the work of your institution upon the five cent nickel and the one cent bronze coins. Hereafter will you please have samples of these coins taken in the usual manner as with silver and gold coins reserved for assay and forward by ordinary mail one piece in each 10,000 coins to this Bureau for examination.

Please let me hear from you in regard to the defective coins referred to in the enclosed letter, and if any of the pieces are available will you kindly forward them to the Bureau for examination. Nickel is the hardest of all the metals to work and requires careful treatment.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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, July 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

Referring to letter of June 2nd, requesting you to forward your report of operations for the fiscal year 1914, it should have stated as follows:- "to enable me to compile the data as published in my last report, up to and including page 55, so far as relates to your mint".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant relative to the interior lighting of the Mint has been received and I have to-day addressed a communication to the Supervising Architect asking him to take up the project and handle it from this year's appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

TO Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal — July 14, 1914.
" " Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Boise, Idaho
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.
" " Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Legislative bill has passed and will be effective July sixteen.

Roberts
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1914.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5927

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 15, 1914.

TO Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Can you spare Hawkins for settlement Denver Mint after your settlement. Need him very much. When will you be through?

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2163.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 15, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Recommendations in letter June eleventh providing for changes in appropriation approved. Have employes take oath on ~~16th~~ sixteenth instant.

Director.

Corr. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
8—6827

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co. for transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Ct., May 6, 1914, has been referred to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.61.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith transportation orders for Mr. Hawkins. Will you kindly deliver them to him and tell him that his letter of instructions relative to the settlement at Denver will be forwarded to the Mint at Denver to await his arrival there.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to advise you that the Minor Coinage Metal Fund of your institution will be increased in the sum of $10,000.

You are authorized to invite proposals for supplying you with copper, and upon receipt of a synopsis of the bids from you authority will be granted to make the purchase. If immediate acceptence of the proposal is required please wire the bids received to the Bureau, with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the highest bidder for one lot of scrap iron which you desire to dispose of.

Respectfully,

L. P. Drake

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 20, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Han Hawkins returned. How soon can he reach Denver.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ---------- The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—6927

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, July 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have been advised by the chief of the Division of Printing and Stationery that 7,000 granulation envelopes (2-1/2 X 4-1/4), will be shipped to your mint today and that the balance (3,000) will be forwarded to your mint when received from the contractor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

L.C.H.

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July 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the remainder of July and during August has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 8,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	20,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	5,400
	$33,400

Prior requisition was made before receipt of your request for funds. Balance unpaid for the first half of July may be paid from the amount now advanced.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 20, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
"

On and after Tuesday July 2 twenty-first pay for silver contained in gold deposits at fifty-~~thr~~ four cents per fine ounce.

Roberts

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
2—6827

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July 21, 1914.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the heads of all Bureaus and offices in his Department to prepare and submit the annual estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, not later than August 20, 1914. This is earlier than they have been asked for before, and in order that this Bureau may meet this requirement you are requested to immediately prepare your estimates and to forward them in time to reach the Mint Bureau not later than August 20, 1914.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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July 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $18,196.78 be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of minor coin during the month of June, and that the Minor Coin Account of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night message

July 22, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Cahill has passed examination for foreman refinery.

Forward formal recommendation in triplicate stating salary.

Roberts

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

K BUSINESS,
RNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 0188.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 24, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to accept Tyson's offer of copper.

Director.

Cont. Ex8 Mint Bureau 1915.

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2/88.

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July 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to a letter addressed by this office to the Supervising Architect relative to the installation of a new conduit and wiring system in your Mint, I beg to advise you that the Supervising Architect states that the matter will receive the attention of an inspector of mechanical and electrical engineering who has been assigned headquarters in San Francisco and will probably arrive in your city within the next feww weeks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:

"Authorized to accept Tyson's offer of copper."

The above authority is granted in accordance with the recommendation contained in your telegram of the 23rd instant. It is understood that the price to be paid Herbert P. Tyson is 13-3/4 cents per pound.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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July 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the monthly report of Absence and Efficiency I beg to advise you that in future it will not be necessary to include the efficiency rating for the following named officers. The time should be reported as usual.-

The Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Dept.
The Superintendent of the Coining Department.
The Chief Clerk.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Western Pacific Railway Co. for transportation of E. F. Moesaner from San Francisco to Denver June 20, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $45.55.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Night message.

Washington,

July 27, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Request local dealers in silver to submit bids to the Bureau on Friday thirty-first instant up to two p. m. on two hundred thousand ounces silver or any part thereof for delivery at San Francisco Mint; one half to be delivered in not more than ten days, and one half in not more than twenty days

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

BUSINESS.
GRAMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 5120.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 28, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, Denver, Colo.
" " San Francisco, Cal.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.

On and after twenty-ninth instant pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-two cents fine ounce.

Director

AL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN: Night Message

Washington,

July 31, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Cahill's appointment approved effective date oath.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHEN WRITTEN:

Night Message.

Washington,

August 1, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept from American Smelting Refining Company two hundred thousand ounces silver purchased Friday. Pay at fifty-one three fourths cents fine ounce.

Robert

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
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Aug. 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith copies of the May cost reports with comments thereon, also comments on your report.

Taken as a whole the work of installation, which has been trying to all concerned, appears to have been well done and it is desired to express appreciation of the efforts of those having the work in charge.

Doubtless with added experience the reports for July and subsequent months will be brought into complete conformity with the new plan.

Please have future reports carry, in the deposit melting room statistics, both gross and fine ounces and unit costs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 13th ultimo you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Remington Typewriter Company for supplying your Mint with one No. 11 B. Carriage, Type No. 6 Elite Remington Typewriter, for the sum of $87.50.

The Sundry Civil Bill, approved August 1m 1914, includes the following:

> Sec. 11. That no part of any money appropriated by this Act shall be used during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifteen for the purchase of any typewriting machine at a price in excess of the lowest price paid by the Government of the United States for the same make and substantially the same model of machine during the period of the fiscal years nineteen hundred and thirteen and nineteen hundred and fourteen; * * *.

Before making payment for the above machine please request from the Company a guarantee that the price asked is not in excess of the lowest price paid by the Government for the same make of machine during the fiscal years 1913 and 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington,

August 5, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

On and after Thursday sixth instant pay for silver in gold deposits and in small lots at fifty-one and one-half cents ounce. Invite bids at ~~the~~ Bureau on two hundred thousand ounces Friday seventh instant.

~~Directorx~~

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

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Aug. 5, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of test weights to Denver June 22, 1914, and ratchet feeds from Philadelphia June 22, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $14.49.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN

Washington,

August 6, 1914.

perintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Amending telegram of yesterday make price of silver this morning fifty-one cents for partings and small lots. Advise Bureau how much you are receiving in small lots.

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

AL BUSINESS,
VERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2108.

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, August 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 30, regarding the non-delivery of Receipts for Gold Bullion, Form 189, I have to state that the delay has been unavoidable as they have not yet been delivered by the Printer. They will be forwarded to you promptly upon their receipt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Aug. 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of The Pullman Co. for transportation of E. F. Moessner from Denver to San Francisco and return in May and June last has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $18.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Mint Message.

Washington,

August 7, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Accept from American Smelting & Refining Company two hundred thousand ounces silver at fifty-one and one half cents.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2182.

August 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Sundry Civil Bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, as passed by Congress, does not provide any appropriation for the protection of vaults, but the Supervising Architect is planning to install a local system in such vaults as have been protected heretofore, or may require it. It is the understanding of this Bureau that vaults A, C and F in your institution have had this protection, and should have it in the future. I beg to inquire whether, in your judgment, it is desirable to install the system in other vaults, and if so, please advise the Bureau.

In this connection I will be obliged if you will forward a diagram of the vaults showing the dimensions of each, the present contents by denominations, and the ones which are under joint seal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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ERE WRITTEN:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

August 10, 1914.

perintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

How much silver have you bought in small lots
t fifty-one cents.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

AL BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
the appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 11, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Invite bids for two hundred thousand ounces silver at Bureau ~~Monday~~ today. Delivery within thirty days.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—6077

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August 11, 1914.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Bureau a list of the employes of your institution, giving the name, designation and compensation of each, and showing the department in which each is employed. This list of your organization is to be regarded as an amendment to the list sent by you in March, 1913.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 12, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Receive from American Smelting Refining Company two hundred fifty thousand ounces silver purchased eleventh instant.

Pay fifty-two cents fine ounce.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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August 12, 1914.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of your institution of the sum of $1,000 payable in proof gold to be forwarded to you from the Mint at Philadelphia. Weight of gold 48.375 ounces.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you on the 12th instant is hereby confirmed:

"Receive from American Smelting & Refining Co. two hundred and fifty thousand ounces silver purchased on eleventh instant. Pay fifty-two cents fine ounce."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RE WRITTEN:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

August 17, 1914.

perintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Say to Anglo London Paris Bank that no silver has been purchased since the eleventh. How much silver are they handling weekly and where is it produced.

Director.

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

DEPARTMENTAL, STOCK FORM 6128.

Aug. 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The usual monthly schedules of payments from your appropriations, with supporting vouchers, should be forwarded for the 1914 appropriations as well as for the 1915 appropriations. No schedule of 1914 payments made in July has yet reached the Bureau; please forward same.

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your June public voucher #47, favor Foucher Ray & Simon, Inc., is for 2 bars 1" Sq. iron @ 2-1/4 ¢ per lb., $2.84. Your memo of telephoned quotations seems to indicate that the price of $2.25 covered the 2 bars, there being nothing to indicate that the quotation is a unit one; please explain.

June voucher #56 carries 33200 KWH electricity @ 2¢, $664.40; correct computation is $664.00.

Relative to June voucher #67, transportation of Mr. Moessner from Denver to San Francisco - I am at a loss to understand how this voucher reached you. Railroad claims are paid after settlement by the Auditor instead of before, because of lack of facilities for verifying rates. You should refuse payment on any future railroad vouchers reaching you and forward same to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

Night Message.

August 17, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Ask Anglo London Paris Bank by what company their silver is smelted and refined.

Director.

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PARAMENT RATES.
BANK TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE.

August 18, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Fill orders for nickels without waiting for report.

Director.

Cont. Ex: Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

August 18, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the inquiry of the Anglo London Paris Bank as to Treasury purchases of silver, for your own information I will state that a purchase was made on the 11th instant of 1,175,000 ounces distributed to the American Smelting & Refining Company, The United Metals Selling Company, the American Metals Company and the United States Metals Refining Company, at 52 cents per ounce. This purchase was made with the understanding that the smelting companies whose product is handled by these selling companies would settle up arrearages to the producers of silver ores up to and including the 11th instant on the basis of 52 cents per ounce. This was one consideration in making the purchase. The amount of the purchase, 1,175,000 ounces, was stated to be about one-half of the weekly production of the various smelting plants represented by these sellers, and it was represented by them that if the Government would take this proportion of their product they would continue to operate their plants and would settle with the producers upon the basis of sales to the government. Moreover, it was understood that these selling companies represented practically all of the smelting and refining plants in this country, so that in making the purchase then agreed to, and in subsequent purchases of the same companies upon a

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similar basis, the benefit would extend to all of the producers of silver-bearing ores in the country.

This will explain to you the inquiries of the Bureau as to the source of the silver offered by the Anglo London Paris Bank, and the name of the Company by whom it was smelted. The amount of silver which can be used by the Government is limited to that required by the subsidiary coinage, and its requirements will soon be satisfied for a considerable time in advance. The Treasury has been desirous of giving such aid as it properly could to steady the silver market and protect the industry in this emergency, but it must eventually make its purchases count as effectively as possible. The smelters having agreed to continue their operations and settle in full with all producers, if the Treasury would take one-half of the weekly production, we have looked to them to find a market for the other half elsewhere, and have not wanted to see any part of it coming up to us through other channels.

I do not know that it is necessary to make all of this explanation to the Anglo Paris London Bank, for I do not know that the arrangement to buy one-half of the silver product represented by the four companies above named will be continued, but I am giving you a full statement of the arrangement in order that you may completely understand the situation. At present there is no real market either in New York or London. Such quotations as are made are nominal, being without transactions. If actual sales of considerable amounts should be made the Treasury will resume its usual policy and buy only of the lowest bidder

after inviting tenders. You are at liberty to explain the situation to interested parties making inquiries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Aug. 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co. for transportation of crucibles from Jersey City, N. J., June 5, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sum of $18.93.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing bond executed by the General Chemical Company of California, oh account of contract entered into for furnishing your Mint with supplies during the fiscal year 1915. The bond has been placed on file with the contract in the office of the Auditor for the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Night Message.

Washington,

August 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Wire number date amount name payee of check mailed July eleventh last to Potter Palmer Chicago.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

AL BUSINESS.
RNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2106.

August 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. L. Hollis, 1417 First National Bank Building, Chicago, relative to a check issued to the Elko Mining Company on July 11, 1914, for $3745.02, and said to be lost in transit. Payment has been stopped at the Treasury on this check and Mr. Hollis so advised. He has also been advised that under the law a duplicate check may not be issued until six months have elapsed unless the Superintendent of the Mint chooses to draw another check upon his own responsibility. This has been done occasionally where a proper bond was made for the protection of the disbursing officer, but in such cases a clean new check must be drawn, and not a duplicate. Action in such instances is wholly within the discretion of the disbursing officer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise me as to the average base contents of your gold anodes during the last fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

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August 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $1,129.20 on account of special assay coins forwarded by you to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Washington,

August 25, 1914.

To Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Bureau will receive bids until two o'clock Friday twenty-eighth on delivery two hundred thousand ounces fine silver to your institution. Advise local dealers.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6827
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

, August 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this date, in regard to gold deposit receipts, I have to state that ten (10) tablets consisting of 5,000 receipts were forwarded you today and I trust they will reach your mint before your stock is exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 29, 1914.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Accept from Anglo London Paris Bank two hundred thousand ounces silver purchased twenty-eighth instant. Pay at rate fifty-three ten fine ounce.

Roberts

Director.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont., Ex., Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8178.

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August 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant enclosing receipt for premium upon your bond. The receipt has been forwarded to the Secretary's office for file with your bond.

Respectfully,

A. R. Denny.

Acting Director of the Mint.

Aug. 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please advise me of the capacity in which the signer represents his principal, as below:

Vou. #26-Sup. - Peter J. Gallagher for Dan Gallagher Co.

The quotation for 6 pieces 5/16" stubbs steel, vou. #37-Sup., reads 50¢ per lb., while the voucher reads 6 lengths at 50¢, $3.00, no weight being given; explanation is requested.

Voucher #53-Sup., favor Levi Strauss & Co., for 1 pc. 7 oz. blue flannel at 84¢ a yd., is unaccompanied by reason for failure to accept the lowest bid, that of Moore-Watson Dry Goods Co., 32-1/2 ¢ per yd.; please supply same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Assayer in Charge at Seattle, giving a list of items of equipment and of supplies on hand at that institution which are not required. Will you please look the list over and advise the Bureau if there is anything which could be used by your Mint.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. S. Please return enclosure.

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, August 31, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 27th instant, I have to state that Form 159 (Daily Abstract and Warrant Clerk's Summaries), and Form 181 (Time Report of Employees) have both been abolished.

Respectfully,

A. D. Piatt,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the Legislative appropriation Act the sum of $200.00 has been expended from your current contingent appropriation and credited to the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Treasury Department, to meet the cost of stationery.

If desired, the placing of symbols on public vouchers may be discontinued until you are further advised.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F

September 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose .85 oz. fine silver to balance the special assay account for Philippine coins, for six months ended June 30, 1914.

Respectfully,

L. O. Howard

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 27th ultimo transmitting Mr. Wagor's report regarding the recovery of osmiridium in the refinery, I am very much interested in this matter and congratulate Mr. Wagor upon his ingeneous arrangement. I expect to be in New York next week and to take this report with me to discuss the matter with Mr. Wirth. In the meantime I would thank you to forward a sample of the osmiridium recovered and to state how much has been recovered.

Respectfully,

A. B. Drury,

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1914.

Sir:

In view of the possibility of a considerable advance in the price of graphite goods I wish to suggest that you procure, as early as practicable, a sufficient quantity of such goods to meet your probable requirements for at least six months.

Respectfully,

F. E. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The special assay coins from 12 deliveries of your double eagles have just been weighed in the laboratory and while no coin is dangerously near the limit yet they present a wide variation in weight; from 516.25 to 515.68, and I deem it wise to send you a word of caution.

Respectfully,

A. P. Bruce.

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant requesting authority to purchase an adding machine, I beg to say that upon inquiry at the office of the agent in this city it is learned that the price of the model 331 machine is $215.00 for a hand operated machine. The price of that machine electrically operated is $278.75. The machine has a 12 inch carriage and ten columns. Will you please advise this Bureau which machine you prefer and the representative of the Company in this city will instruct your agent in San Francisco to deliver the machine desired. For the sake of uniformity all such orders are placed by the Bureau through the agent in this city, but your local agent will have the benefit of the sale. The Bureau will await your reply in regard to the electrically equipped machine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Sept. 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your appropriations as indicated:

Contingent Expenses, 1915.

Wells Fargo & Co. transportation of dies from Philadelphia July 23 and 24, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - $4.54

Contingent Expenses, 1914.

Wells Fargo & CO., transportation of assay coins to Philadelphia June 27, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - $15.10
Philadelphia Mint, 6 double eagle collars, 3 eagle collars and 4 toggles, sent you May 8th and Aug. 14, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 273.57
Philadelphia Mint, 2 ratchet feeds sent you June 22, 1914 - 86.79

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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, Sept. 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I return enclosed herewith mint receipts as follows:- gold Nos. 5083, 5084 and silver, 180 for signature; also silver Warrant No. 172 for date of receipt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures)

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Sept. 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for funds to meet your expenses during the month of September has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - - -	5,000
	$20,000

Respectfully,

Geo E Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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September 6, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Just before leaving to take charge of the New York transfer the Bureau Assayer weighed up the samples of nickels and cents received from your Mint, and found wide variations in the weights of both coins. The nickels varied from 79.35 grains to 75.80, and the cents from 50.25 grains to 44.80 grains.

He also found some defects in the coins but was not able to complete the examination. A full report will be made later.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1914.

Sir:

Referring to the recommendations for increased salaries in your estimates I regret to be obliged to now refer you to the sweeping letter of instructions issued by the Secretary of the Treasury to all services within the Department, a copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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, Sept. 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for examination and settlement your Bullion A/cs. for the quarter ended June 30, 1914 with my approval, except the changes I have made in your "Gold Coin" and "Profit & Loss" A/cs. for the value of Deposit Melting Room sweeps sold to Goldsmith Bros., viz.: $308.00.

Any gain, grain bar or sweeps, surplus bullion or by-products of any character, derived from the handling of metals should be taken up in your Bullion Accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

By

September 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau would like to dispose of the claims of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company, made on account of alleged errors in computing the consumption of electricity consumed by the Mint between the periods of July 1, 1905, and April 30, 1908, over which there has been considerable correspondence heretofore. The case is in an unsatisfactory condition and should have been disposed of long ago, while all of the facts were fresh and action could be taken by the Mint authorities who had immediate knowledge of all the facts. However, since this was not done the obligation remains upon those of us now in authority to deal with it as best we may, and to arrive at a fair and just conclusion. If the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company was actually under-paid by reason of error, as alleged, or in any part of the amount claimed, it is proper that the correction should be made.

I have been impressed that there is foundation for the claim, that the consumption was erroneously computed during at ~~least~~ the time in controversy, and for this reason do not feel like dropping the matter without further effort to arrive at the truth.

I have submitted all of the correspondence relative to the case in the possession of this Bureau to the Supervising Architect, and asked for an opinion upon it. A reply has been made to the effect that in the opinion of the Architect's Office the claim is well supported, and may

be properly allowed.

The following facts set forth in the correspondence have impressed me as strongly supporting the view that something was wrong with the meters, or the calculations of current consumed during the period under review, to-wit:-

Mr. F. A. Leach, in his letter dated April 24, 1913, says:-

> "The error was not discovered until May, 1908, when we began using current for refining purposes, Mr. Marshall, our electrician, being unable to find the reading of the Company's meters consistent with the cunsumption shown on the refinery meter. The Company then made an investigation and found the error which they describe."

In the same letter Mr. Leach says:-

> I authorized him, (Judge Sweeny) to employ an outside electrical engineer, a man who would be entirely independent of any connection with or possible influence by the Gas and Electric Company. Mr. Frank W. Smith, of the Frank W. Smith Company of this city, was employed."

In a letter dated May 7th, 1913, addressed to Mr. Leach as Superintendent of the Mint, Mr. Marshall says:-

> "At a later date Superintendent Sweeny informed me that he desired an opinion on the matter from a disinterested expert, and, on my suggestion, the firm of Frank E. Smith and Company was engaged for this purpose. The firm tested the meters and submitted a report, dated September 16th, 1908."

A copy of the Smith report, dated September 10, 1908, is on file in the Bureau, and if I understand it correctly, fully sustains the contention of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company.

In his letter of April 24th, 1913, to the Bureau, Mr. Leach says:

> "In my recent investigations I looked up the records of the institution and found that the average monthly consumption of power for the year previous to the beginning of the alleged under-charge was about 9,000 kilowatt-hours. This current was furnished by another power company, and their bills averaged about $260.00 per month. The record shows that the next 10 months, beginning with the 1st of July, 1905, and running up to the time of the earthquake, we were only charged by the new Company an

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average of about 3,500 kilowatt-hours, with an average charge of less than $100 per month. These figures are conclusive proof of the correctness of the power company's claim, because, up to the time of the earthquake, we were using as much power as at the time we were being charged for an average of 9,000 kilowatt-hours monthly."

He goes on to say that after the first ten months the conditions were such that a similar comparison could not be made.

In his letter of May 7th, 1913, addressed to the Bureau, Mr. Leach says:-

"That the contention of the power company was correct, in that they had received payment for only half of the amount of power consumed must have been conceded by Judge Sweeny, or whoever else approved the bills for six or eight months after the error was discovered May 1st, 1908, for the meters or the constants were not changed for some six or eight months later and the bills rendered during that time were for double the face registration of the meters."

The foregoing seems to show conclusively that in May, 1908, Mr. Marshall discovered that something was wrong with the computation of current consumed, that upon his recommendation Judge Sweeny employed Mr. F. E. Smith as an expert to determine the correctness of the Company's claim, that its bills for consumption had been rendered at approximately only one-half of the real consumption. The expert having been selected by the authorities of the Mint, I am at a loss to understand why his findings were not accepted. He seems to have been acting for the guidance of the Superintendent, Judge Sweeny, and I would suppose that the Superintendent would require from him a full showing of the facts upon which to base his information. Presumably it was because he was unfamiliar with the technical features of the question and hesitated to act without the approval of Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Marshall is doubtless a competent electrician, but his objection, as set forth in his letter of May 7, 1913, seems to me to be quite insufficient as a basis upon which to reject this claim in toto. His letter practically admits the Company's claim as to the constants used and the registration of current, but rests his opposition wholly upon the plea that the meters might have been running fast or slow at various times during the period in question. This is altogether another question. The Company's bills were paid from month to month in the belief that the meters were reliable. The superintendent must have been satisfied at the time that they were registering with practical accuracy and presumably Mr. Marshall was satisfied. He was the chief electrician of the Mint and it was his business to know that the meters were registering correctly. In accepting the bills as rendered throughout this period of two years and nine months the mint authorities accepted the meter registrations, and it seems to me too late to question them. This is the view taken by the experts of the Supervising Architect's office. They say the meters were accepted long ago and that the only question now involved is whether the registration of the meters should have been doubled or not. The facts as to this seem clear.

Incidentally, however, it may be added that the Smith report shows the meters to have been running slow at the time that investigation was made. And there is also the fact that Superintendent Sweeny, presumably with the approval of Mr. Marshall, paid the monthly bills for several months after May 1, 1908, although rendered at double the registration of the meters. At that time there was evidently no thought of questioning the trustworthiness of the meters.

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I am reviewing the case in detail in order that you may correct me as to any of the particulars in which I may be astray, or direct my attention to any considerations that I may have overlooked, and would like to have any further suggestions you care to offer, at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the sum of $52,684.62 be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver during the month of August, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your appropriations as indicated:

Contingent Expenses, 1915.

U. S. Express Co., proof gold from Phila. 8/15/14 - $1.50
Southern Pacific Co., fire brick from Denver 7/8/14-66.07

Contingent Expenses, 1914.

Southern Pacific Co., stationery from Wash. 6/18/14-$ 4.29
Penna. R. R. Co., steel rolls Phila. to New York, enroute to San Francisco, June 15, 1914 - - - - 1.74
Western Union Tel. Co., message of Aug. 29, 1913 - - .58
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co., acct. for June quarter - - -32.18
Wm. Buchanan, twine - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 21.60
Eccles & Smith Co., power hammer - - - - - - - - - - 600.00

Please forward a list of any remaining unliquidated encumbrances on your 1914 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 15, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Montana.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.

On and after Wednesday sixteenth instant pay for silver in gold deposits at fifty-four cents fine ounce.

Roberts

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Appropriation for Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL ORDER FORM 276.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 16, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authority granted to purchase coin tumbling barrel.

Roberts

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
B—5927 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
September 16, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colo.
" " Philadelphia, Pa.
" Assay Office, New York City.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " " Carson, Nevada.
" " " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " " Helena, Montana.
" " " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " " " Deadwood, South Dak.

Instructions of yesterday withdrawn; continue to pay fifty-three cents for silver partings.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2166.

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September 17, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telegram of the 16th instant authorizing the purchase of a tumbling barrel. It is understood that the purchase is to be made from the Meese and Gottfried Company, at a cost of $100; machine to be made from diagram submitted by your superintendent of machinery, and that the firm above named is the only one fitted and willing to do the work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Sept. 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Press of other work has prevented an earlier reply to your communication of Aug. 27th on the subject of cost system.

Relative to experimental bars - it appears that your cost clerk considers the expense connected with them as being not chargeable to "any particular work or denomination". This is incorrect; the recovery of most, if not all, of the bars mentioned by him is chargeable to By-products, these bars being recoveries of metal for which the Government pays out nothing (in large part) the same as in the case of platinum, etc.. Study of the form provided for annual income statement should give a good line on this.

Concerning memo repairs, attention is invited to the fact that to the extent that these expenses are charged against the jobs the workmen happen to be performing at the time the repairs become necessary will your maintenance costs be understated and operating expenses overstated. The yearly total may be considerable - in Philadelphia it reached the neighborhood of $850.00 in two months. To the same extent, also, would the responsible head of the institution, the Superintendent, probably be uninformed as to just what work was being performed. Please advise the Bureau how you expect to care for these features.

If you find it more convenient to consider men (other than shops force) as detailed to the shops division when working on Capital Outlay or Maintenance jobs, instead of indicating the work as Memo. jobs, I can see no serious objection to it.

In the coinage recapitulation statistics the standard ounces of completed product should be the coin actually delivered as there is additional expense involved before the undelivered coin (which should be carried as work in process) leaves the department. The percent of coin to ingots operated upon should be based, for the year, on the quantity of metal started through the rolls. As to the monthly percentage, it should be so figured as to conform at the end of the year to the yearly basis, and the figures involved should appear in the cost statistics; but just what these figures should include or exclude I am not prepared at this time to say. Will you please explain the

practice of your Superintendent of Coining Dept., and make any suggestions considered pertinent, for both this and any other items. The quantity of metal placed in process during a month should be the quantity melted for making ingots (in coinage recapitulation).

Your June and July cost reports carry D.M.R. sweeps costs as a charge to Acquiring Crude Bullion (through the Deposit Melting division); they should be charged to By-products - see explanation concerning experimental bars, above. Issue bar assays apparently have been charged to Acquiring Crude Bullion, while they are really an expense of Producing Refined Bullion.

Part of your July refinery costs, also doubtless a part of those in June, should have been charged to Work in Process - e.g., the stores and work actually put upon the metal or in preparation for operation. The expenses of a general nature, such as leave, should properly be charged out to product (even though none was actually produced) in the month in which incurred.

It is desired to express appreciation of the interest taken in this work and to again invite co-operation in the making of improvements or in simplification.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

Sept. 21, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

With reference to bill of J. W. Sittig for porcelain tanks and rods and earthenware cells, $647.85, just received for payment from your 1914 contingent appropriation - the methods of purchase are indicated as 4 and C, but the reason for failure to secure competition and the form of the agreement are not given. Please supply same in order that the bill may go forward to the Auditor for his action.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

F

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September 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing copy of order placed for Burroughs Adding Machine in accordance with your request. It is understood that delivery will be made to you by your San Francisco agent, through the representative of the Company in this city.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

To date your reports of encumbrances against the 1914 contingent appropriation have totaled $37,939.34; additions $2,617.69; deductions $3,531.93; net $37,025.10. Your payments total $35,446.70, leaving unliquidated encumbrances of $1,578.40. The actual unliquidated encumbrances as reported in your letter of the 18th instant total $4,461.41. Please forward such information as will enable the Bureau's books to be brought into agreement with the facts. In this connection your attention is invited to the Bureau's letter of Oct. 10, 1913, relative to the manner of handling encumbrances for articles ordered from the Philadelphia Mint. These encumbrances are liquidated in Washington by transfers between appropriations and unless treated in the manner directed are very liable to cause confusion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There has been deposited in the Treasury by C/D #8782 dated Sept. 25, 1914, the sum of $1.50 for manufacture of 500 one centavo pieces (Philippine).

The amount has been placed to your personal credit and to the credit of your appropriations as below:

Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - - $1.00
Contingent Expenses, 1915 - - .50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

Sept. 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a clipping giving the verbiage of appropriations, which are made yearly, for the recoinage of gold and minor coin. There is also an appropriation, which is permanent, for the recoinage of silver coin; this is worded similarly to that for minor recoinage.

These appropriations are not under the control of the Mint Bureau.

When you are authorized to recoin any uncurrent or mutilated coin the resulting seigniorage or loss should not be carried into the silver seigniorage account, the bullion profit and loss account or the minor coinage profit account but should be retained in entirely separate accounts. The seigniorage must be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts; the losses should be retained in properly headed accounts, e.g.- "Receivable loss on minor recoinage", until reimbursement has been received. When losses have been determined, properly certified vouchers giving all pertinent facts should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States; these vouchers will be forwarded to and be settled by the Auditor, and warrant will be sent you in settlement.

During the fiscal year 1914, by your manner of handling seigniorage and loss on minor recoinage through the minor coinage profit account, there was erroneously paid from minor seigniorage the sum of $374.96 which should have been paid from the appropriation for recoinage of minor coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scraps representing the 9,072 ozs. fine of gold in samples of certificate bars forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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October 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

It is the intention that the certificate now printed on the outside of the special assay coin envelope shall take the place of form 247. In the future, therefore, you and the assayer will please sign the envelopes and omit form 247.

As these envelopes were forwarded direct to you from the factory, and not through this office, I would thank you to forward a dozen of them that we may use as samples.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

Oct. 3, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following bills have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation:

J. W. Sittig, porcelain tanks, etc. - - - - - - $647.55
Midvale Steel Co., pair rolls - - - - - - - - - 690.00

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of sums as follows:

Salaries,	Mint at San Francisco, 1915 - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen	do - -	10,000
		$15,000

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose 1.61 oz. cornets belonging to the certificate bar samples representing Selby mass-melts 130-160 inclusive.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 10, 1914.

Sir:

I enclose two samples of bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and silver made on each sample, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying. The approximate finenesses are: gold, 855; silver, 50.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

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Oct. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of coinage collars and dies from Philadelphia Aug. 13th, 14th (two items), 17th and 25th, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $11.29.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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314401 October 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 6th ultimo regarding your minor coinage, the question of the defects shown by these coins has been taken up with the engraver and coiner at Philadelphia, who agree that the poor appearance of the coins is due to using the dies for too long a time. In the future, therefore, I would thank you to have a close watch kept upon the coins and when the impression becomes blurred to replace the dies. It is fully understood that this will necessarily increase the cost of the coinage somewhat, and slightly reduce the output, but in view of the large seignior-age on the minor coins the government can well afford to ex-pend some money for the sake of obtaining a better class of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FEB.

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October 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official in charge of ordnance stores has requested the Bureau to ask you for a formal acknowledgement of the receipt of fire arms recently issued to you. Will you kindly direct that such a receipt be sent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury, in your name, the sum of $69,035.17 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver, and the increase of your bullion fund in like amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

October 21, 1914.

perintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Secretary Treasury asks if you can spare vault for use of federal reserve bank temporarily. I have thought the small Melter and Refiner's vault on main floor might answer the purpose. What do you suggest. Answer.

Director Mint.

L BUSINESS.
RNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
Contingent Expenses Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3132.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN.

Washington,

October 22, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Letter of twelfth at hand. You may use your discretion as to purchases of jeweler's small deposits, crude bullion etc.

Superintendent

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2188.

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NIGHT MESSAGE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington, Oct. 22, 1914.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" " Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge, Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " Carson, Nevada.
" " Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Boise, Idaho.
" " " " Deadwood, S. D.
" " " " Salt Lake, Utah.

On and after Friday twenty-third instant pay for silver in partings at fifty cents ounce fine.

Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1914.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 21aa.

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October 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This is to confirm my telegram of the 22nd instant authorizing you to buy the usual offerings of old jewelry, silver-ware and small deposits from time to time, in your discretion, under the general authority to purchase in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at the price paid for partings. The inhibition against paying more than the market price under any circumstance was designed to apply to lots of fine silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In future all supplies for use in distribution of coin, regardless of the denominations for which they may eventually be used, will be purchased directly from the contingent appropriation.

After the supplies now on hand, purchased from the minor profit funds, have been consumed, record will be kept of those used in distributing minor coin and at regular intervals, not less frequently than once each quarter, detailed voucher will be prepared for purchase of same from the contingent appropriation, debiting the minor coinage profit fund and crediting the contingent appropriation. The proceeds will be deposited in the Treasury by C/D as a repayment to the contingent appropriation and will be available for future use.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 19th instant you are hereby authorized to invite bids and accept from the lowest bidder the necessary carpet filling and carpet paper to complete the covering of the floors of the Superintendent's and Chief Clerk's office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Oct. 24, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding sample voucher covering cost of making assays for other branches of the Government. Please certify and forward similar vouchers covering the expenses reported in your letters of April 10, June 30, and Oct. 3, 1914.

Prior to receipt of your letter of Oct. 3d the amounts reported were so small as to hardly warrant the rendition of bills for reimbursement.

Future bills should follow the general lines of the enclosed sample.

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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October 24, 1914.

Sir:

This will introduce Mr. Magoula, an Imperial Mining Engineer who comes to this country on a special mission for the Imperial Russian Ministry of Finance, and who wishes to see the operations of the Mint.

Please have Mr. Magoula shown through all departments and afford him full opportunity to become familiar with your equipment and methods.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T. W. H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

October 24, 1914.

Sir:

It is requested that the following data be supplied this office as soon as practicable for use in the preparation of a report by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Interior in compliance with Senate Resolution No. 244.

The amount in gallons of the following oils purchased by your ~~Bureau~~ institution during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914:-

Gasoline.
Kerosene.
Lubricating Oil.
Fuel Oil.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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October 28, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
~~Philadelphia, Pa.~~
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Supervising Architect's Office has advised the Bureau that an estimate has been made of the cost of placing conduits, etc., for improving the lighting of your building. Mr. Jenner, the representative of the Supervising Architect, will be directed to confer with you as to the cost of providing fixtures, etc. This part of the improvement would have to be borne by your contingent appropriation, and I assume that you wish to have an approximate idea of the cost. Will you please confer with Mr. Jenner at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 26, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing premium receipts covering the bonds of employes of your Mint. The receipts have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1914.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter sent out by the Supervising Architect, covering his award to Holbrook Mfg. Company, for supplying soap powder and scouring soap for public buildings. You are at liberty to purchase under this contract if it will be of any advantage to the government for you to do so.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 29, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Ry. Co. Coast Lines, steel rolls from New York to your institution June 20, 1914 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - * $8.70

W. & J. Sloane, two rugs - - - - - - - - - - $182.95

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

A further inquiry has been made at the Bureau relative to the non-payment of premium by Mr. Arms on his official bond. An inquiry relative to this matter was referred to you some weeks ago, and may have gone astray. Will you please advise the Bureau what reply we may make to the Company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

November 2, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Permission to close election granted as requested.

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for.....
This appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128.

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Nov. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of coin collars from Philadelphia Sept. 26, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.82.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

F

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Nov. 10, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advence to you of funds to meet the expenses of that institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries - - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen - - - - - - - -	10,000
Contingent Expenses - - - - - -	5,000
	$20,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

F

November 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

To enable this Bureau to estimate the production of gold and silver during 1914, you are hereby requested to prepare on Forms 61 and 637, statements of the deposits of gold and silver at your mint in fine ounces and value for the eleven months ending November 30 and also an estimated statement of deposits for December as furnished heretofore, so as to reach this Bureau on or before December 12th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of Oct. 28th forwarding financial statements for the fiscal year 1914, and am pleased to note the interest manifested by your bookkeeper in the effort to improve our reports.

Will mention items which appear to warrant comment as their consideration at this time will be of assistance in the preparation of the reports at the close of the current fiscal year.

The net revenue (per expense statement) should be the difference between the total revenues and total expenses. The net revenue exclusive of that from appropriations is memorandum only - an entirely separate item; in the committee's form the asterisk should not have been used in this instance.

Under ordinary conditions the net revenue from appropriations (revenue statement) will not check with the total appropriation items carried in the reconciliation of cash, costs and inventories (as is here shown) for the reason that undelivered orders for supplies, etc., must be considered in the former but not in the latter; also, a prior year's orders paid in the year under report will appear in the latter but not in the former, except that the amount of the prior year's appropriation used but not included in the prior year's statement of net revenue from appropriations must be added to the revenue statement of the year being reported. The committee's form for revenue statement must be amended to include this.

The increase in stores should not appear in the expense statement as it is an inventory item and will become an expense when the stores are used. In this connection it is noted that while the cash and expense accounts indicate increase of stores to the amount of $2,583.31, the inventory shows increase amounting to $7,130.37. The inventory increase doubtless includes the salvage, remnants, etc. returned to store room $3,688.86 and manufactured articles $132.43, which leaves $725.77 unaccounted for.

The revenue should not be increased by the amount of minor

coinage profits used for distribution, etc., as these profits are stated under seigniorage and must not be duplicated. It is noted that the loss on minor recoinage, paid last year from your minor profits, $374.96, was not stated as an expense.

Will not ask for amended reports for the fiscal year 1914.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

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Nov. 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Relative to the question of treatment in the cost accounts of experimental bars, will state that the exact nature of these bars - as pertaining almost exclusively to ingot room work - was not fully understood prior to receipt of explanation of your cost clerk, forwarded with your letter of the 6th instant.

In this connection, it would seem that the term "experimental bars" as used by that institution conveys rather an erroneous impression to those not thoroughly conversant with your practice; a more specific term - possibly "ingot room recovery bars" - would be more enlightening.

Your manner of handling these items is probably the most practical available. Logical analysis would seem to require that the bar comprising the deposit slag grains for which depositors are paid, should be made by the deposit melting room and charged to "acquiring crude bullion"; but if this is not practical the present practice need not be disturbed.

The statistics of the coining processes, as now planned, are not entirely satisfactory but it is hoped to improve them during the course of the year; would be pleased to consider suggestions along this line, as well as other lines, from your mint.

Relative to deposits division statistics, will you please state the melting cost per gross and fine ounce in future reports.

Do the M.& R. crude mass melts noted in your September cost report differ from the two classes, jobs #6230 and 6620, carried in the job order code of the committee's report - it is noted that they are treated differently.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 13, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to the Table of Charges now in force I beg to advise you that upon receipt of this letter you are authorized to increase the bar charge on fine gold, $5,000 in value and over, to 0.05 of 1 per cent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

November 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

We have weighed 80 nickels from eight deliveries of your Mint with the following results:-

Deliveries.								
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total
		75.20						75.20
			75.55					75.55
			75.60					75.60
		75.70					75.70	75.70 (2)
75.75	75.75				75.75			75.75 (3)
				75.90				75.90
75.95								75.95
	76 (3)							76.00 (3)
76.05								76.05
76.10				76.10				76.10 (2)
76.15								76.15
	76.20							76.20
		76.25		76.25				76.25 (2)
	76.30		76.30				76.30 (2)	76.30 (4)
								76.35 (2)
76.35	76.35							76.40 (2)
		76.40	76.40					76.45
			76.45					76.50
			76.50					76.55 (2)
		76.55	76.55					76.65
							76.65	76.70 (2)
				76.70			76.70	76.80 (4)
76.80				76.80	76.80	76.80		76.85
						76.85		76.90 (2)
		76.90					76.90	76.95 (3)
	76.95				76.95		76.95	77.00
						77.00		77.05 (2)
77.05				77.05				77.10 (5)
				77.10	77.10	77.10	77.10	77.15 (2)
77.15			77.15				(2)	77.20
77.20								77.25
					77.25			77.30
				77.30				77.35
					77.35			77.45 (2)
						77.45		77.50 (2)
	77.45							
					77.50 (2)			

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total
					77.55			77.55
						77.65		77.65
		77.75		77.75				77.75 (2)
			77.85 (2)			77.85 (2)		77.85 (4)
					77.95	77.95		77.95 (2)
				78.00				78.00
		78.05						78.05
		78.40						78.40
						78.50		78.50
		78.55						78.55
							78.70	78.70
	79.15							79.15

These coins showed an extreme diffwrence in weight of 3.95 grains which is excessive. There is scarcely any improvement in the appearance of the coins over those last reported. There is a general lack of sharpness in the details and especially in the word "Liberty". Five coins showed that the die had been allowed to fill up with dirt and three show the effect of a blanked die.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Nov. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of Wells, Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of proof gold from Philadelphia Oct. 26th has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.50.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

With reference to the cost system it is directed that, beginning with the cost report for the month of November, the leave granted employees of the deposits divisions be charged directly to those divisions instead of being included with other General Department leave. This in order that "Acquiring Crude Bullion" may receive an equitable proportion of leave costs as compared with other operations.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Roberts

F Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury in your name, the sum of $36,637.26 on account of the profits on the coinage of subsidiary silver coin during the month of October, and that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased in like amount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose ten samples of fine gold containing a trifling amount of silver and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold, reporting the results to this office, and returning the balance of the samples for further comparative assaying.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 20, 1914.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau of the length of time, approximately, the stock of graphite crucibles you now have on hand will last.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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November 20, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward to you as promptly as possible the dies requested in your telegram of the 19th instant.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 21, 1914.

Sir:

There is forwarded to you under separate cover a supply of copies of the new schedule of charges, to go into effect December 1, 1914. Please note the changes by comparing the schedule with the existing table of charges.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Nov. 30, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Western Pacific Ry. Co. for transportation of clay muffles from Denver Oct. 6, 1914, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $29.61.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director Mint.

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December 1, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose scrap representing Selby deliveries 56 - 91.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 2, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please refer to voucher #17-Sept., favor Garlock Packing Co., $42.20, and forward reason for failure to accept proposal of H. W. Johns-Manville Co., $28.95.

The records of the Bureau do not seem to carry any information concerning a change in your telephone facilities and rates. Prior to July 1st last your bills were at the rate of $9.65 per month plus 3½¢ each for extra switches; voucher #56-Oct., for the September quarter, is at the rate of $9.15 per month plus 3½¢ each for extra switches, with an additional phone at the rate of $5.00 per month. Please advise me concerning this.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director Mint.

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December 4, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Special assay coin nickels have been weighed here with the following results:-

26		27		28		29
75.85		75.90		76.15		74.65
76.40		76.35		76.50	(3)	77.50
76.70		76.55		76.70		77.55
77.00		76.60		76.95		78.40
77.25	(2)	76.70		77.10	(2)	79.00
77.45	(2)	76.90		77.70		79.15
78.20		77.40		78.30		
78.80		77.50				
		77.55				
		78.15				

Two coins in delivery 28 showed two cracks in the die at either end of the word "Liberty".

Respectfully,

A. O. Brunt

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant enclosing receipt for premium on the bond of William John Toner. The receipt has been placed upon file in the Department.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Dec. 9, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of that Institution has been approved in sums as below:

Salaries, 1915 - - - - - - - - - -	$ 5,000
Wages of Workmen, 1915 - - - - -	10,000
	$15,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

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Dec. 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the San Francisco Call & Post for advertising in April last, $8.80, and bill of the Philadelphia Mint for 100 pair asbestos fire mitts requested June 6th last, $76.37, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1914 contingent appropriation.

Bill of the Philadelphia Mint for 10 nickel coin collars $21.05, and 10 half dollar coin collars $26.40, total $47.45, has also been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1915 contingent appropriation. These were requested Aug. 18th and Sept. 17th last.

Respectfully,

F

Acting Director Mint.

December 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant relative to the Mint exhibit at the Panama Pacific Exposition, I beg to advise you that it is the intention of the Representative of the Treasury Department to send Mr. Hewitt, the foreman of machinists of the Philadelphia, to San Francisco about January 1, 1915, to superintendent the installation of the Mint exhibit. The machinery to be sent from the Philadelphia Mint is to be placed aboard the transport "Caesar" at the Washington Navy Yard. Mr. Hewitt is familiar with all of the details, and I am sure will be able to turn the exhibit over to you in good working order in ample time.

The Representative of the Treasury Department is depending upon you for the necessary force to operate the exhibition as agreed to some months ago. Your attention to the matter, and your cooperation are much appreciated.

Respectfully,

C. B. Denny,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 11, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Mr. Thomas Taylor, at one time employed in the San Francisco Mint, and recently a member of the force of the Treasurer of the United States, has been appointed by the President as Disbursing Officer of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. He expects to leave Washington for his new post about the first of January and has applied to the Bureau for a letter to you asking for temporary desk room for himself and possibly one assistant, pending the arrival of his office equipment. Permanent quarters are being prepared for him, but if you can shelter him for the first few days of his arrival the Department will appreciate your courtesy. Please advise me if it will be practicable and convenient for you to do so.

Respectfully,

A. Drury

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing a certified copy of Mr. Arms' application for bond in the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, dated Sept. 13, 1913. Notwithstanding this application names $13.50 as the premium, the official receipt on file in the bond division shows Mr. Arms paid only $10.

Unfortunately it will not be feasible for Mr. Arms to change his bond as suggested in your letter of the 13th ultimo. I have notified the Fidelity and Deposit Company that they should adjust the matter through their local agent in San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 14, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find bid of the Johns-Manville Co. pertaining to September voucher #17, which indicates a total price for all articles of $28.95. Your letter of the 7th instant states that the bid is partial only. Please note such information as is necessary to an understanding of the bid and return same to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

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December 15, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the following sums be deposited in your name on account of profits on the coinage during the month of November, and also, that you be advised by wire when the transfer of profits on minor coins is made:

On Subsidiary Coin ---------- $73,343.06
and the increase of your
bullion fund in like amount.

On Minor Coin ---------- 20,000.00
and the increase of the
Minor coin Account in like
amount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

December 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Auditor of the Treasury Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1914, with my approval.

I am returning gold certificate of deposit No. 117 and beg to request that the same be corrected as indicated; also, mint receipt No. 1016 for signature.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

B.

December 19, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a supply of a new form to be used in case you make purchases under the General Supply Schedule. Please dispose of any of the old form you may have on hand.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dec. 22, 1914.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation:

Philadelphia Mint,	100 prs asbestos mitts - -	$134.37
do	6 set D.E. collars - - - -	150.49
do	4 set toggles - - - - - - - -	72.29

Wells Fargo & Co. Express, dies from Philadelphia Oct. 6 - 8 - 17 & 27, $7.36; and assay coins to Philadelphia Oct. 2, $18.40; total - - - - $25.76

Respectfully,

Acting Director Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

December 24, 1914.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Could you spare one coining press for San Diego exposition and men to run it for one year; they paying all expenses and giving bond.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Exs. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 26, 1914.

Superintendent, Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Would it be possible for you to prepare at exposition blanks to be stamped at Sandiego.

Acting Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1915.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 8128.

December 29, 1914.

Mr. Merrill A. Martin,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Martin:

The question of the relation between the assays of silver ingots and the resulting coin is a very important one and should be thoroughly investigated, but the programme outlined in yours of the 10th is not feasible now and I should prefer to go into the matter in a broader and more general way.

Mr. Nutt who made the assays you quote is not now with me, and at the time he did the work I did not feel overly sure of the results. In this connection, however, I would direct yout attention to the general conclusion on pp 14 and 15 of the Gay-Lussac paper, and also to table VII on p 12 and the accompanying remarks.

The relation between the fineness of silver ingots and coins is, however, not entirely one of assaying. It is tied up with the method of spacing the blanks on the strips and the actual position of the enriched portion of the ingots It may easily happen that one quarter blank will contain a large portion of the enriched metal while another from the same strip would contain none. This would lead to a wide variation in two coins from the same ingot.

For a long time now we have used the Beakley machine for our silver coins. This cuts practically the whole of the coin into small oblongs, taking 30 - 40 for an assay. It is scarcely possible that Mr. Nutt's results were due to imperfect samples.

If things should clear up here in the near future I would be glad to have this subject taken up exhaustively so that it might be discussed intelligently and thoroughly at a meeting of the assayers which I hope may be held in San Francisco next May.

I sent a copy of your account of cadmium fusing to Mr. Eckfeldt and have a long letter from him in reply. I have not yet had the time to digest his letter, but in a general way he still prefers a porcelain crucible. He now assays all his gold deposits for silver by humid G. L.

Your remarks about the Superintendent and Assayer at Denver are extremely important "if true". I have not heard anything of the matter. George expects to be in San Francisco about March 1st.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Dewey
A. D. M.